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November 29, 1946 - page 23

Here we are at the dawn of an annual celebration which brings the charm of a joyful note to all the staff of our school. Young and old alike are moving briskly throughout the day, as the most joyous and attractive celebration is being adorned and prepared for this evening. Without a doubt, the actors played their roles wonderfully in front of a rather large audience. Reverend Father Principal, Fr. A. Charron, hero of the day. Fathers Levern, Girard, Poulin, Brother Tom Morkin, the Sisters, all the boys and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Coady and his little family of four. In the most appropriate terms, Rev. Father Charron thanked the organizers of the evening and emphasized that his feast day was undoubtedly the day on which he felt his burden of responsibility was lessened. And, to conclude, he gives a nice farewell before taking leave of us.

December 9, 1946 - page 24

Technician Don Harkness and technician Miss Eileen Kerr come to take an X-ray of the lungs of all our students. We appreciate the advantage and the great relief of not having to transport the 160 students of our school to the hospital in Cardston. What trouble and fatigue, isn't it?

December 22, 1946 - page 25

It is customary to have a concert each year called the "Christmas Concert". We are doing it today. The audience is small because it is almost impossible for many to attend since this date is too close to the beautiful Christmas holiday, which is more important than any other to celebrate. Each class does its share and each one fulfills its role very well.

December 23, 1946 - page 25

Santa Claus, accompanied by the Rotarians, came, as in previous years, to distribute candy to our little Indians. Hearts are happy and eyes sparkle with joy at Santa's comical and demonstrative gestures.

December 24, 1946 - pages 25-26

Our Indians start to arrive early despite the difficult roads. A very large number of them come to join us to celebrate the beautiful feast of Christmas in a "grandiose" way. Our church gathered at least five hundred people for the midnight mass; for many years, it is said, we had not seen such a large attendance.

May God be glorified and may his reign be established over all hearts.

A small change has been made to the vacation granted to our students. The departure which, according to the custom, was only in the afternoon, the permission gives the liberty to all to leave after the lunch to go to enjoy during twelve days the joys of the family life.

January 5, 1947 - page 28

Our students return from their vacations. 60 boys and 75 girls faithfully answered the call.

Two of our boys, Emil Scout and Patrick Cross Child, having reached the age of sixteen, did not return, their discharge having been granted. So did Pauline Eagle Plume.

January 12, 1947 - page 29

The boys from Pincher Creek School come to play a game of hockey. The honor of victory went to our students who had the good fortune to score 7 points against 1 by their opponents. A light snack was served before their return.

January 19, 1947 - page 29

The news of the X-rays reached us today, the result is as follows: 3 boys and 3 girls are in a positive state and they are required to go to the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton for a period of treatment. They are Aloysius Good Rider, Bertrand Red Crow, Guy Russell, Arabella Fox, Loretta Mills, Rachel Brewer. A few others will have to take another X-ray in 3 or 4 months.

January 31, 1947 - page 30

We are blessed today with one more soul in the Good Shepherd fold. James Good Striker whose parents are Protestants was adopted by his younger sister who converted to our church to unite her destiny with one of our former students, Stephen Fox. It was then that James was placed in our school two years ago. According to government laws, he was admitted and Rev. Father Levern conferred the sacrament of baptism on him. He is nine years old.

February 3, 1947 - page 31

To reward and encourage our girls to continue their lively emulation of the English language, we are organizing a fun trip for them. At four o'clock, six big girls boarded the car to head for Lethbridge where a nice game of hockey was to be played. Permission was generously granted by Father P. A. Charron, Principal, who acted as their driver. It is with great pleasure that they return to us at a late hour of the night.

February 9, 1947 - page 31

It was the turn of another group of English girls to enjoy a trip in cars to MacLeod for a game of hockey. Their happiness was complete and they were most grateful to their benefactors.

February 12, 1947 - page 31

Guy Russell had to return to his family to rest his ailing lungs, so he was given his first communion before his final departure. In order to comply with the parents' wishes, Rev. Father Levern went to the hospital with Guy and Francis, his brother, where the whole family was present to attend this solemn hour.

March 18, 1947 - page 33

The flu is waging war in our school; some Sisters and more than a hundred children are mercilessly affected. But, two or three days seem to be enough to fight off the villain.

March 20, 1947 - page 33

Rev. Father Girard, a great lover and director of sports, is giving a performance tonight of his boxing class. The extras are the little boys who are of great interest to all the school personnel who have come to attend the boxing session.

April 8, 1947 - page 34

Our patients [names not given] called to the Edmonton Hospital for treatment of their lungs, leave today. Fr. Charron, Principal, and Mr. MacLeod of the agency are taking them to the train at Calgary.

April 19, 1947 - page 35

Two of our students have returned from Edmonton, Bertrand Red Crow and Rachel Plume (Brewer). Their health has improved and their present condition does not require any special treatment; both are returning to class today.

May 12, 1947 - page 36

We are visited today by Miss MacCready, Dietitian, Government Representative. She is giving her attention especially to the kitchen and also to the children's refectory.

May 15, 1947 - page 36

Miss MacCready leaves for her visit to the Anglican school. Rev. Father Principal will drive her. She was very kind during her stay with us.

May 21, 1947 - page 36

Inspector Hinman arrived on the quiet this morning. Mr. Coady, to his surprise, the Sisters are interested in him first. Sister Frohlich is doing the honors this afternoon and Sister Dorilla Simard tomorrow. The other two teachers are waiting impatiently, because he cannot promise when he will return.

May 24, 1947 - page 37

Our students are overjoyed, the beautiful day of May 24 has finally arrived. At the agreed time, the big truck stops at the door and in the blink of an eye we see it filled with children. Cheers of joy roll through the air as the truck drives away to Stand Off, the area reserved for the annual picnic. Our girls, in their softball game against the people of Cluny, won 21 to zero. Long live our people! Long live our school!

The Rev. Father Charron, principal, having granted our students to extend their holiday until the next day, with the exception of a little orphan girl, no one returned to us in the evening.

May 25, 1947 - page 37

Everyone answered the call to return, except for 11 latecomers.

June 14, 1947 - page 37

Allen of Ottawa, member of the Indian Affairs Department, and Gooderham, Inspector of Indian Reserves, are the guests of Rev. Charron, Principal, for dinner.

June 22, 1947 - page 38

The distribution of end-of-school-year prizes being held tonight, our students will be free to leave tomorrow for their vacation.

June 23, 1947 - page 38

We are giving hospitality to the installation of an X-ray machine, as we are in a central location, which favors all our Indians on the reserve. The x-ray evidence will determine those with the dreaded disease of tuberculosis. Sisters Catherine Frohlich, Alice Houle and Gabrielle Simard, assist in the registration of the population.

June 30, 1947 - page 39

Miss Lina Heavy Shield went to Lethbridge to write her Grade IV exam in Music; she left with her aunt Mrs. Helen Many Fingers (Helen Fox).

July 11, 1947 - page 39

Return of Sisters A. Corriveau, Superior, and Mary Hagan. The latter has just arrived from Lebrét where she has been taking diet lessons provided free of charge by the Indian Department for a week. It is difficult at the present time to apply the lessons taught in our residential schools because of the lack of accommodation and the lack of fruit food which we would like to have served daily. We are told that the government will help us, so it will be quite opportune to make improvements.

July 12, 1947 - page 39

Our two musicians have just received the results of their music exams; both passed with a grade of "Distinction" each. A certificate will be granted to them in a few months.

July 15, 1947 - page 39

Our students are in the spotlight this year. They brought home the most prizes at the Calgary and Edmonton exhibition, thanks to the dedication of our good teachers, without question, and our best congratulations to all. We receive a cheque for \$102.75.

August 3, 1947 - page 40

Rev. Father Levern left this morning for the mission of Stand Off, accompanied by our Srs. Dorina Hébert and Yvonne Gingras. To enhance the wedding ceremony of Mr. Horace Big Throat with Miss Elizabeth Healy, the Rev. Father deigned to invite some of the Sisters and to bring to the new couple the wishes of the whole community.

September 9, 1947 - page 43

After enjoying their great freedom for two long months, our Indian boys find school life, alas, too hard. Six of them decide, without the knowledge of the supervisors, to leave.

October 13, 1947 - page 44

Our students, boys and girls, are marking this year's Thanksgiving holiday with a horseback ride. No one doubts, we are sure, that our youth are enjoying themselves.

October 14, 1947 - page 45

Our Inspector Minman arrives quietly and asks to gather the grades 4, 5, 6 in order to proceed to an examination to know the average of capacity in the intellectual development of our Indians.

November 6, 1947 - page 46

Dr. Murray, oculist, accompanied by Dr. Key and his assistant, Mrs. Craigan, came to make an examination of all our students. It was a little over an hour's work.

November 7, 1947 - page 46

Dr. McCaffry, dentist, from the Health Department, arrives to do dental service on our 175 students.

November 12, 1947 - page 47

Miss McCready, dietician, arrives for her annual visit.

November 17, 1947 - page 47

Mr. R. Ragan, Reserve Officer, and his charming companion, are making the class visit today. Miss McCready, having completed her visit, leaves today to continue her professional work.

November 20, 1947 - page 47

Thursday, 20th. In order to celebrate joyfully and to participate in some way in the feast of Princess Elizabeth's wedding, our students are granted a leave of absence with their families. They are all leaving this afternoon and will have to return on Sunday.

November 22, 1947 - page 48

Our congratulations go to our Sisters Catherine Frohlich, Gabrielle Simard, Auréa Mageau, Françoise Côté and Alice Tollelan for the great success they obtained last summer in their exams for the higher diploma; a magnificent diploma is awarded to them on this occasion.

November 23, 1947 - page 48

Sunday, 23rd. Our students are all back this evening, and we could see that they were faithful to come back in time. It is quite amazing.

December 13, 1947 - page 49

Rev. Father Principal having bought new tables for the children's refectory, we are installing them today and taking advantage of the opportunity to start giving each table of 8 people the advantages of family service. A sufficient number of dishes are distributed at each table, thus giving the child the advantage of learning to serve himself with civility.

December 19, 1947 - page 49

We are giving the Christmas concert for our Indians which was partly a repetition of the previous concert; then all permission was given to our students to go with their parents to do their Christmas shopping. Wasn't it exceptional this year, since each Indian child, like all of them, received the sum of \$10 for their share of the inheritance on the land sold.

December 21, 1947 - page 49

All of them come back to us, except for 7 girls.

December 22, 1947 - page 50

Santa Claus, accompanied by the Rotarians, comes to distribute some sweets to the children. It is joy and gaiety; we sing, we applaud and we laugh.

6 January 1948 - page 52

After a two-week vacation that was, we guess, quite joyful, the children return to us happy and ready to continue their school year. All answer the call.

January 17, 1948 - page 52

Great event today! Princess Elizabeth and Duke Philip, not in person, but on film, will appear at the Cardston Theatre. The teachers, with their students who won the place of honor on the list of the month, have the privilege of going to see this reproduction. They return enchanted with one regret, however; that of not having been able to share with all the beauties that they have contemplated there.

January 30, 1948 - page 53

Death of Aloysius Good Rider, son of Emil Good Rider. Discharged from school last year because of active tuberculosis, Aloysius was sent immediately to the Edmonton Indian Sanatorium. After about a year of good care, he returned to his family completely cured. A carelessness on the part of the convalescent caused him to fall again, and this time the disease took him to his grave within a few months. He was 15 years old.

January 31, 1948 - page 53

Saturday 31. Rev. Father Levern sings the funeral service for Aloysius at the church in Stand Off. Our two sisters, Auréa Mageau and Gabrielle Simard, while assisting with the music and singing, acted as consoling angels.

February 10, 1948 - page 53

Tonight, at the music hall, we celebrate Valentine's Day, anticipated because of Lent. Boys and girls are having a great time. Whist, singing and music, then the distribution of valentines, share the too short hours of the evening.

February 20, 1948 - page 55

The children will spend the weekend at home.

February 29, 1948 - page 55

Annie Iron Horn, 17, a former student returns to school, but as an employee this time. She will help in the sewing room.

March 13, 1948 - page 56

Mrs. Joe Crow Chief, a recluse for several years, whose death we learned yesterday, is receiving the last consolation of religion this morning at the Stand Off church. Rev. Father Levern

officiates at the service. Our Sisters Desaulniers and Mageau will at the same show sympathies and do the singing. Charlie and Gilbert are two of his children who are presently in school.

March 15, 1948 - page 56

Persevering work being done by the clinic to curb all contagious diseases, today we received Dr. Matas, a tuberculosis specialist at the Camsell Hospital in Edmonton. According to a test given to all previously, forty of our students received an anti-tuberculosis injection.

March 28, 1948 - page 57

We have a splendid Easter celebration. High mass sung by our students who sing it with all their hearts. The attendance was numerous and we gave the traditional dinner to 128 people. After the dinner, to our great satisfaction, a beautiful week's vacation was announced and our students immediately took their freedom. Thank you, God for all your blessings.

April 16, 1948 - page 58

Mr. Inspector Hinman comes to us discreetly for the annual class visit. "Senior Boys" are the first to be honored to receive him.

April 19, 1948 - page 58

Mr. Clark, Inspector of the Indian Department in Ottawa, arrives for the visit of our school. He seems to want to give us the benefit of his power in the improvement of our various activities. The future will show us.

April 25, 1948 - page 58

We are pleased and honored to witness today the marriage of two of our students, Celina Big Throat and James Twigg, who have been discharged from the school for the past year and who had their marriage blessed before their marital union. We hope that this fine example will lead many others to this fine Christian ideal.

May 14, 1948 - page 59

To the joy of one and all, we learn that this evening they will come to give moving pictures on the duties and obligations of a Mountie; another part will also be on the Eskimo way of life.

May 17, 1948 - page 59

Inspector Hinman is finishing his annual visit today and is very pleased with the dedication and qualities of our teachers. Each one receives a good report.

May 21, 1948 - page 60

Today our children are doubly blessed with a half day's vacation added to the annual holiday of May 24. They are free to leave as their parents arrive.

June 29, 1948 - page 62

The results of the musical examinations reached us today and put our musicians in the spotlight. Rosabel Creighton receives it with the grade of "High Distinction". The other three, Lena Heavy Sheild, Mary Ruth Bebee, Delphine Fox, received the grade "Distinction".

July 13, 1948 - page 63

To facilitate the practice of English [for the teachers], we are beginning a period of daily study which will promote progress in conversation in this foreign language. All are happy to benefit from the good lessons of their regular teacher, Sister C. Frohlich.

July 27, 1948 - page 63

Miss Sackville, a dietary employee of the Ottawa Department, came to pay a short visit to our school. In a meeting with all the Sisters, she gave an outline of the government plan for the feeding of our Indian children, of which we will have to give a detailed report next September.

September 7, 1948 - page 65

Our students return smiling for a new school year, except for a few who will always remain our latecomers.

October 5, 1948 - page 66

Mr. Bernard Neary, Superintendent of Education, Ottawa Department, accompanied by Mr. Gooderham, Inspector of Indian Reserves, and Mr. R. Regan, Agent of the Cardston Reserve, arrived for a visit of the staff of our school and the various departments. At the same time, doctors and nurses from the National Health and Welfare Office are also arriving to conduct general examinations of all our students tomorrow. Our community offers the space for this activity and we rent the apartment to them. We must also note that Dr. McCaffry, a dentist, is also doing the work of extracting teeth in a neighboring apartment.

October 10, 1948 - page 66

To cheer up our children, we have organized a proper "Fishing" evening which our youth love.

October 19, 1948 - page 66

As previously announced, Miss D. Tripp, a dietician from the Ottawa Health Department, is coming to spend a week with us to keep a record of our staff's menu which will then be brought to Ottawa and submitted to the study of those interested in this matter in order to find out if vitamins and protein are sufficient to improve the health of our Indians.

October 24, 1948 - page 66

To give Miss D. Tripp some entertainment, our girls have organized a little recreational evening where songs, monologues, music, etc., come to give the audience an impression of contentment.

October 30, 1948 - page 66

One of our students, Frances Eagle Child, having obtained her admission to the Lacombe Home Convent in Midnapore, is going there today determined to continue her studies in the high school.

December 9, 1948 - page 68

As last year, all Indians on the reserve are called to come and take their X-rays. The work is done in the girls' recreation room. Throughout the session, a film is shown demonstrating the development of the microbe, the precautions to be taken for the preservation of health, etc.

December 22, 1948 - page 68

Santa Claus comes this year to distribute candy, peanuts and fruit to our children. The joy of receiving finds its echo in the hearts of our visitors who exult in joy in coming to make them happy. A buffet snack is served to them after the reception.

December 23, 1948 - page 68

This evening takes place the distribution of Christmas stockings containing each one candies, toys, that our good Father Principal gives free and that each one is so happy to receive.

December 24, 1948 - page 68

Our Indians come in great numbers to midnight mass. The first song "O Holy Night" was sung by Mr. Forestier. Our students enthusiastically took charge of the singing at mass. When the service was over, everyone was invited to go to our refectory for a refreshment generally called "Christmas Meal"; at least 250 people took part, not counting the children. Afterwards, permission was given to our students to leave for their fortnightly vacation.

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January 9, 1949 - page 71

Almost all of our students are faithful to the call to return after a fortnight's vacation.

January 14, 1949 - page 71

The X-ray report makes known the dangerous condition of three of our students. They will soon be leaving for the Camsell Sanatorium in Edmonton for lung treatment. They are Teresa Curly Rider, Edith [illegible], and Lawrence Plain Woman, but the former refuses to go to Edmonton.

January 28, 1949 - page 72

One of our students, Jordan Heavy Shield, is rushed to the hospital where the doctor finds the need for immediate surgery for appendicitis. His case is alarming, we do violence to heaven to obtain his recovery.

February 10, 1949 - page 72

Our students are overjoyed at the thought that a projection machine will be the property of our school; each week will bring to their attention an educational or recreational film.

February 14, 1949 - page 72

A recreational evening organized in honor of Valentine's Day invites us to the reception hall where songs, skits, etc., enliven the entire audience.

February 16, 1949 - page 72

Miss D. Tripp, dietitian from the health office, arrives for a second visit regarding the similar work of last September.

February 22, 1949 - page 72

Miss McBeth comes to join her companion, Miss D. Tripp, in the study of children's records.

February 25, 1949 - page 73

The students are going to spend the weekend with their families to whoever wants to attend, there is a boxing match tonight at Cardston. Two of our students are taking part, Albert Many Fingers and Levi Black Water, the former bringing home the prize. A cup will be presented to him a little later.

February 27, 1949 - page 73

Twelve students are missing.

March 16, 1949 - page 73

Mr. Cooper, a specialist, examined the eyes of all our children.

April 6, 1949 - page 74

Mr. Hinman, class Inspector, makes his annual visit. His report for each of the teachers is satisfactory.

April 17, 1949 - page 74

Nice Easter party, with a large attendance. We gave a snack (hot dogs, cupcakes and tea) to 290 people. Our gymnasium lends its service for the first time. A film projection is the beautiful pastime of the afternoon, on the life of Our Lord, "The King of Kings".

This day will be commemorated for the young couple Rita Healy and Bernard Tall Man who took an oath of fidelity and united their destiny in the Sacrament of Marriage.

April 19, 1949 - page 75

Reverend Fathers Forestier, Riou and Mr. Forestier wanted to attend the boxing match came to have supper before going to the Cardston hall where one of our students was taking part in the program. His skill as an aggressor earned him the prize of honour and declared him the champion of the Province of Alberta.

May 9, 1949 - page 75

Doctors from the Ottawa Health Department are returning to examine all the children, which will enable them to study the question of the physical change recognized since last fall.

May 11, 1949 - page 75

Mr. Hinman, Inspector, came with another inspector to visit some classes.

June 9, 1949 - page 76

Joy shines on all faces, and who will not understand, today is the big picnic of the year. The boys are headed to St. Mary's River, the girls to Glenwood.

June 11, 1949 - page 77

Laura Russell and Bertha Shouting Owl leave today.

June 23, 1949 - page 77

The end of the year awards are being distributed tonight, which means the end of the school year, but our students will not leave for their summer vacation until the 27th of this year after the X-ray session held at Community Hall.

August 4, 1949 - page 79

Visit of Mr. Gooderham, Inspector of Indian Reserves and Mr. R. Ragan, Agent.

September 6, 1949 - page 80

Day set for our students to return to school - 34 answered the call. The new classrooms are now available for the teaching department, six apartments for 40 students each, only one is presently vacant. The basement houses the sewing room and a small workshop for teaching woodworking to the boys. The overflowing rooms of last year are now divided into four to the satisfaction of the school staff and parents. We give thanks for this improvement which brings so much relief and benefit.

September 7, 1949 - page 80

Two of our graduates, Agnes Many Fingers and Phyllis Eagle Child are leaving us to continue their studies in the high school, one in Legal with Lena Heavy Shield and the other in Pincher Creek, both in a Convent of Nuns, but the former will return to us after three weeks, not being able to bear the distance and the boredom. She is now studying at Glenwood High School.

September 10, 1949 - page 81

Our congratulations go to our dear Sisters Thérèse Désaulniers and Françoise Côté. They received today their summer school certificate which will allow them to teach physical exercises to the students.

December 7, 1949 - page 83

A delegate from the Ottawa Department of Health, Miss Perkins, arrived to do the job she had been assigned: record the height and weight of each student individually.

22 December 1949 - page 84

As is customary, Rotarians from the city came to distribute bags of candy to all our students.

December 23, 1949 - page 84

This year, the supervisors of the four halls receive beautiful games for the children's amusement and each child receives from Santa Claus a stocking containing oranges, candies and nuts. The contentment of each one was manifested by the exclamation "Long live Santa Claus".

January 12, 1950 - page 87

Mr. Gooderham, Inspector of Indian Reservations, accompanied by Mr. FR. Regan, Superintendent, are visiting our school, both are having dinner here.

February 28, 1950 - page 89

Always be prepared, for you know not the day nor the hour of your death --- this word is being fulfilled today for a young man of 28, Alek Eagle Plume, a former student of our school, after only a few months of illness. A funeral service was sung this morning for the repose of his soul.

March 3, 1950 - page 89

Five of our boys are going to take part in boxing match. One of them returns victorious and is awarded a cup. All their companions of recreation room added to the number of the spectators.

March 18, 1950 - page 89

Thomas (Jesse) Three Persons, age 14, having received no Christian education from his Catholic parents at an early age, was introduced into our school a few months ago. This morning he had the favor of making his First Communion.

March 22, 1950 - page 90

Mr. R. Ragan, Superintendent, Dr. Stone, accompanied by a physician from the Ottawa Department, are visiting our school.

Seven of our boys will take part in a boxing match. Herman Heavy Shield and Gilbert Crow Chief were declared champions.

March 31, 1950 - page 90

We applaud the victory of our student Herman Heavy Shield who won the two-cup trophy for being recognized as the champion boxer of his weight in the Lethbridge District.

April 12, 1950 - page 91

Three of our students have the honour and privilege of going to Calgary to take part in a boxing match. Rev. Father Lafrance, principal, and Brother E. Morin were among the spectators. Rev. Poulin also went with them to his mission.

May 24, 1950 - page 93

To perpetuate the joy of the beautiful feast of May 24, our students, accompanied by six Sisters, went on a picnic to Stand Off. All returned happy and joyful.

June 1, 1950 - page 93

Inspector Hinman begins his official visit to the classes.

June 5, 1950 - page 93

Having been granted a holiday, our students went to their church hall field to take part in the triumph of sports. They are returning in droves this evening and in good spirits.

June 18, 1950 - page 93

Father Principal knowing that our students love the Stampede, graciously took them to George Fox's house, three miles away.

June 20, 1950 - page 93

Students are transported to the parish hall for X-ray. Graduates go on picnic to Waterton Lake.

September 2, 1950 - page 97

Two of our students, Mary Ruth Beebe and Helen Weasel Road, leave us this afternoon with Rev. Father Lafrance, courtesy of our good Principal, to continue their further studies at Lacombe Home, Midnapore.

September 5, 1950 - page 97

Our students entered for a new school year; 110 out of 240 answered the call to return.

September 10, 1950 - page 97

We are honored to have one of our students, Imelda Knife, win 1st prize in Grade III Catechism in the Diocese of Calgary.

September 21, 1950 - page 97

Dr. Fayen, recently in charge of the Indians on our reserve, is making his first visit to our school today. We also have a visit from Inspector Gooderham, accompanied by Mr. R. Ragan, superintendent.

October 7, 1950 - page 98

Our students will spend four days with their families; they should be back on Wednesday.

October 20, 1950 - page 98

The fine movie "Come to the Stable" is on the screen tonight at the city theater, our girls and boys who deserve an award for good behavior have the privilege of going.

October 22, 1950- page 98

X-ray technicians take X-rays of our 246 students; thanks to the fine cooperation, the day is enough to end the chore.

November 25, 1950 - page 100

The annual birthday celebration of our good Father Principal puts the whole house in a frenzy. The evening of the feast was most successful by the children expressing their love and gratitude in the most delicate terms. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ragan, Superintendent of the reserve, Mr. and Mrs. A. Coady, the Sisters of the hospital. We have the best memories of this anniversary.

November 27, 1950 - page 100

It's a big class break, the students go on a picnic, the boys on horseback and the girls in a truck. The little ones go a few miles away. All are back by four o'clock and the day ends with a nice game of bingo.

December 17, 1950 - page 101

The traditional Christmas concert was well attended, among others, Mr. & Mrs. R. Ragan, Agent and all the employees, our dear neighbors, the Sisters of the hospital and the Indians in very large numbers. The vast space of the gymnasium hall made it possible to welcome a large audience.

December 22, 1950 - page 101

This year, as in previous years, the Cardston Rotarians came to distribute candy to the children, to the singing of the most beautiful Christmas tunes performed by all categories.

December 23, 1950 - page 101

And tonight, it's the school Santa Claus who appears to the applause of the school crowd to distribute toys and candy.

December 24, 1950 - page 101

The midnight mass had a Christian touch by the edifying conduct of our Indians which contributed to solemnize this grandiose celebration. After the mass, the crowd gathered in the refectory for the Christmas Eve party where about 300 people were counted, not counting the children. The weather allowed them to return home immediately, accompanied by their children.

January 15, 1951 - page 103

The dentist, employed by the Government, is welcome under our roof; for a week, he extracts the children's teeth and fill them if necessary.

25 January 1951 - page 103

The boys are spreading the epidemic germ of mumps. Until now, the girls have not been affected.

February 19, 1951 - page 104

Inspector Hinman pays our teachers a friendly visit, as always, he shows kindness and interest in teaching methods.

April 4, 1951 - page 105

Miss Bugess, the health officer, comes to visit all the children for their vaccinations, tonsils and teeth.

April 22, 1951 - page 106

Sister P. Plante organized with her little girls, an evening of rope jumping. We were all able to admire the skill of each of them.

May 11, 1951 - page 106

Visit of Mr. Hinman, inspector, probably his last visit. He will be replaced by Mr. Faller. The students gave a concert in his honor.

May 24, 1951 - page 107

Celebration of Queen Victoria Day, big picnic in the parish hall. Rev. M. Lafrance, Principal, drove our 250 children in a truck. Beautiful sunny day.

June 12, 1951 - pages 107-108

The doctors from Ottawa, Dr. Betts and his assistants return for two days to do their annual exams.

June 16, 1951 - page 108

Our eleven graduates, seven girls and four boys, went to Waterton Lake for a picnic. They are accompanied by Sisters F. Côté and E. Bossé. Sisters G. Simard and B. Robidas accompanied the Brocket students who numbered 35. Our students welcomed them and enjoyed the friendly company of the visit. The pastime was well taken advantage of with a tour of the house and a ball game in which the St. Mary's Girls were acclaimed winners.

June 20, 1951 - page 108

The official cadet demonstration is taking place this afternoon in the parish hall and the students of the two large classes will attend. The gloomy weather did not prevent the demonstration, but was a cause of inconvenience.

June 21, 1951 - page 108

The new Inspector for Indian schools, Mr. Haller, makes his first visit.

June 24, 1951 - page 108

Because of the torrential rain, the parents' day celebration is cancelled, but in the afternoon, we meet at the gym. The girls play basketball and the cadets give a demonstration.

June 27, 1951 - page 108

In view of the bad weather, the end-of-year picnic had to be held in the gym.

In the evening, there is a school prize distribution, which is honored by Mr. R. Ragan, his Lady and their little boy (Chick) Ralp.

October 1, 1951 - page 113

X-ray of 240 children, good working machine expediated work in 1½ hours.

October 4, 1951 - page 113

Thursday 4. The children are leaving for a holiday with their families and will not return until next Monday.

October 18, 1951 - page 113

A trip was organized to Calgary to see Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Seventy-five students, including grades 5-6-7-8, left by truck for MacLeod where they were to take the train at 7:00 a.m. Five Sisters accompanied them. Rev. Father Lafrance, Principal and Father A. Poulin were on hand for the smooth running of the activity. In spite of the winter weather, the trip was pleasant because the conduct of the children was excellent. All were back at 9 p.m.

November 12, 1951 - page 113

Armistice holiday. There are games in the morning, moving pictures in the afternoon and bingo in the evening.

November 30, 1951 - page 114

Cadet demonstration, presentation of a cup by Captain Swan and Instructor McLeod and Mr. Emms, for the best progress made in the Lethbridge District. Class dismissed.

December 21, 1951 - page 114

Visit of Santa Claus from Cardston. He was accompanied by fifteen other people. Christmas carols were sung by the Sisters, visitors and children and Santa Claus proceeded to distribute candy. A light snack was then served to the visitors.

December 23, 1951 - page 114

Nice Christmas concert given by the children, very interesting and successful. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ragan, his father and mother-in-law and the Government employees.

In the evening the distribution of Christmas toys to each child by a so-called Santa Claus took place.

January 29, 1952 - page 116

Miss Sinclair, a nutritionist with the Ottawa Department, will be visiting for a week as part of her annual routine.

January 30, 1952 - page 116

Mr. Haller, Inspector, visited the classes and all the departments of the school.

February 14, 1952 - page 117

Our students leave for a four-day vacation, including a holiday given by Mr. Ragan and King George VI.

March 1, 1952 - page 118

We also have the honor of receiving Rev. Father Renaud, O.M.I., Superintendent of Indian Schools in Ottawa.

Opening of the pious exercises of the A.M.M.I.

Reception at 1:30 hrs. of the officer members of the M.A.M.I.; they were received in the first degree.

March 2, 1952 - page 118

Solemn reception of all volunteer members in the first degree and officers in the second degree. The coat of arms of the M.A.M.I., the work of the boys under the direction of Rev. Brother Dussault, was erected and the imposing ceremony took place before a large audience of parents, among them Rev. Father Michaud of Brockton, two boys and two girls accompanied by Sr. G. Simard.

March 16, 1952 - page 118

For the reason that the flu is affecting several of our children, the authorities have judged it prudent to subject us to the law of quarantine.

March 21, 1952 - page 118

Young people from McLeod came to play basketball in competition with our students; the honor of victory went to the amateurs from St. Mary's School.

March 24, 1952 - page 118

This morning the first case of measles was reported; William Mills was the victim.

April 13, 1952 - page 119

Easter Day, ideal weather, about two hundred people attended mass and the banquet presided over by their pastor, Rev. Father Poulin. The children went on vacation for a week.

April 16, 1952 - page 119

To facilitate and help the work of educating our little Indians, our Sisters C. Frohlich, G. Michaud, E. Bossé and L. Thibert visit the Indian School in Cranbrook, B. C.

May 6, 1952 - page 119

An evening of basketball by the Pincher Creek club against the St. Mary's club, but it must be said that ours suffered a 12-22 loss.

May 22, 1952 - page 120

The children all leave for a holiday after mass to return on Sunday.

May 26, 1952 - page 120

Arrival of the doctors from the Ottawa Clinic and visit of Mr. Hinman, Inspector.

June 1, 1952 - page 120

Parents' Day. After Mass, the 300 dear parents were invited to the children's refectory for a banquet presided over by the Reverend Fathers, which was followed by a concert very well rendered and appreciated by the audience. At the invitation of the Reverend Father Principal, Mr. Hinman, Inspector, spoke and gave an outline of the importance of education, after which all the departments were visited. The dear guests left with the memory of a joyful and ideal day.

June 9, 1952 - page 121

Visit of the girls from the Gleichen School; they play competitive ball and ours have a 25-5 victory. They are accompanied by their Father Principal, A. Charron, and their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

June 16, 1952 - page 121

Big picnic at Cardston for the graduates, 8 girls and 9 boys.

June 23, 1952 - page 121

Great annual picnic for all the children, the bad weather obliges to spend it a greater part in the gym, but it was not for that less pleasant.

September 15, 1952 - page 124

Today is the children's entrance; this evening, we are pleased to note that a very large number of students have arrived.

September 16, 1952 - page 124

We start the class. As there are seven classes this year, the students are well divided. The Sisters cooks are delighted with the arrival of a new machine for making ice cream.

September 18, 1952 - page 124

Inspector Waller arrived this morning and made a short visit to the classes. He has lunch and returns in the afternoon.

September 30, 1952 - page 125

Mr. Laval Fortier, Minister, Member of Parliament for Ottawa, arrived this afternoon accompanied by his wife, Inspector Waller, Mr. Gooderham, Mr. Riggan and his wife, and the entire staff went to the auditorium at 4:30 p.m. to give him a warm welcome.

After the welcome address by Rev. Father M. Lafrance, Principal, the children sang an appropriate song. Mr. L. Fortier spoke in turn and showed the children how proud they should be of their school. At the end, he gave the children a day off. Then he visits the house. At 6.30 p. m. a banquet is served to the distinguished visitors who leave us immediately afterwards.

October 10, 1952 - page 125

At 4.00 p.m. the children get ready to go home. They will stay there for nine days, because of the teachers' conventions.

November 10, 1952 - page 126

The Rev. Father M. Lafrance, Principal, left early this morning to meet the Rev. Father Ducy who was coming to preach the children's retreat. Tonight, at 7:00 p.m., the Grade 2 students go to the Church for the opening of the retreat, while the little ones go to the chapel to hear a sermon in Blackfoot given by Rev. Father Levern.

November 11, 1952 - page 126

The students went to the Church for Mass. They attend the 9:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. instructions. Since it is a national holiday, the children spend the rest of the day playing. The cadets go to Cardston for the parade.

November 27, 1952 - page 128

Inspector Broughton continues his visits to the classrooms; my Sister G. Lewis and Miss Fox are receiving him today.

November 28, 1952 - page 128

The three small classes were visited by the Inspector.

December 19, 1952 - page 129

This afternoon, the students go to the gymnasium where a beautiful Christmas tree has been set up since the day before. Each class plays a Christmas song, then the Reverend Father Principal, assisted by the supervisors, begins the distribution of gifts and bags of candy. The children then spread out in the rooms to enjoy their Christmas gifts. In the evening, at 7:30 pm, a group of men, the Rotary Club, from Cardston, came to cheer up the children, after having distributed flutes to each one, our visitors were happy to hear the children sing. We were happy to have among us, Mr. Regan, the Mayor and the Banker of Cardston as well as several other dignitaries. The evening ended and our guests headed to the smoking room for a snack. The children returned to their room to enjoy the candy they had received.

December 20, 1952 - page 129

The children leave for their Christmas vacation; by noon, all are at their destination.

January 3, 1953 - page 131

Today we begin to prepare the tables in the children's refectory, because tomorrow we will serve a banquet for the students' parents.

January 4, 1953 - page 131

At 12:00 noon, about 250 Indians take their meal at the school. There is a head table for the Reverend Fathers, M. Lafrance, Principal, and A. Poulin, as well as 15 Chiefs. It is also the return of the students who take their meals in the recreation rooms. In the evening, almost all the children are back to school, except for 11.

January 5, 1953 - page 131

First day in class. In the afternoon, the three teachers of the classes of the very young give a party to the pupils as a reward for having arrived on time.

January 14, 1953 - page 131

Today, we are installing the keys for the night watchman who must pass in different departments during the night.

January 20, 1953 - page 132

At about 3:00 p.m., the students went to the gymnasium for educational films given on the new machine purchased especially for the classes.

January 22, 1953 - page 132

Pincher Creek basket ball players come to play a game with the school boys.

January 23, 1953 - page 132

Several students come down with the flu.

January 25, 1953 - page 132

Because there is a flu epidemic, students do not go to the visiting room.

March 22, 1953 - page 134

23 of our students have the joy of approaching the Holy Table for the first time to receive Jesus in the Host. There is singing at mass for this occasion. At 9:00 a.m., Rev. Poulin presides at the ceremony of receiving the scapular.

In the afternoon, at three o'clock, reception of several students in the M. A. M. I. [Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate] At 5:30 pm., banquet attended by the Rev. Father Principal, Rev. Poulin, the leaders and helpers of the association. The evening was spent in the gymnasium where there were games and snacks for the same group.

April 11, 1953 - page 136

At 10:00 a.m., the wedding of Mr. Edwin Morning Owl, lunch at 11:00 a.m. in the students' refectory prepared for the occasion. In the afternoon, the young couple left delighted with their stay at the school.

April 13, 1953 - page 136

At 5:30 p.m., a banquet was served to the students' parents. They then go to the gymnasium for a lively moving picture.

April 16, 1953 - page 136

At supper, a banquet was served for all the students who arrived on time. The children enjoyed this favor very much.

May 1, 1953 - page 137

A group of students, a Brother and an Indian guardian arrived from Cranbrook this afternoon by truck. In the evening at 7:00 p.m., educational film for all the personnel.

May 2, 1953 - page 137

The students spent part of the day in the gymnasium where there were various presentations. In the evening, at 7:00 p.m., our visitors from Cranbrook gave us a demonstration of their brass band. Several Sisters from the hospital came to enjoy this beautiful concert with us.

May 24, 1953 - page 138

After dinner, the supervisors and the children go to Stand Off for some shopping. The weather is cold and rainy, so they return early.

May 27, 1953 - page 138

Inspector Waller visited the classes of Sisters F. Gamache, E. Bossé, L. Gamache and C. Lewis.

June 6, 1953 - page 139

About twenty of our big boys left this morning around 7:00 am for Cranbrook. They will return Sunday evening.

June 9, 1953 - page 139

The Ottawa Department clinic arrived this morning. They set up at the community hall to examine the children.

A Mr. Lemay from Ottawa is having his lunch here and visiting the whole house.

June 10, 1953 - page 139

The people from the clinic, being afraid of the bad roads, leave this afternoon. They have only seen a third of the students.

June 16, 1953 - page 139

Four big trucks are at the door this morning, for good reason, it is the end of the year picnic. Children of different recreation rooms, with their supervisors, have their own designated truck.

At about 10:00 a.m., the Rev. Father Principal, with his car in the lead, all head for the St. Mary's Dam. They returned at 7:00 p.m., a little tired, but delighted with their day.

June 25, 1953 - page 140

This afternoon, it is the parents' day. At two o'clock, a concert is given for the parents. Special prizes were given out, including two cups, one given by Mr. Regan and the other by the Rev. Father Principal. There was also an exhibition of the work done during the year and a snack was served in the gymnasium at 4:00 p.m.

June 26, 1953 - page 140

The Rev. Father Principal went to each class today to read the notes and give advice for the vacations. At 4:00 p.m., the children left.

September 2, 1953 - page 146

Having several cases of polio in Cardston and Calgary, classes are delayed until the 15th.

September 14, 1953 - page 147

...in the afternoon, the children start to arrive. By 9:00 a.m., we had 190 children in attendance, which is satisfactory for a first day.

September 15, 1953 - page 147

This morning, the students are heading to class; all seem well disposed and we hope that the school year will be fruitful.

September 20, 1953 - page 147

Several children are arriving today; we currently have 234 enrolled.

October 8, 1953 - page 148

[Teachers' convention week.] Since the weather is very nice and we have about fifteen students left here because their parents are too far away, we take the big bus driven by Rev. Dussault; several Sisters, Miss Fox and the students took their seats to visit Rock Canyon. We had supper in Waterton.

October 12, 1953 - page 149

Thanksgiving holiday. The students returned to us today. At 10:00 p.m., only about ten students out of 260 were missing. This is extraordinary, it proves that they like school.

October 19, 1953 - page 149

At 9:30 a.m., we had the wedding of two of our former students: Loretta Mills and Gordon Many Finger. After the wedding, we serve them a nice lunch.

October 22, 1953 - page 149

A short visit from the Class Inspector adds a little excitement to the routine program of the teachers.

November 22, 1953 - page 151

A musical program was offered by the students this evening in honor of Rev. Father Principal whose feast day was moved up to allow Rev. Father Fournier, Provincial, to attend. Two Sisters from Brocket and several Sisters from the hospital came to applaud our young artists.

December 12, 1953 - page 153

We have a wedding this morning in our chapel of a former student, Mildred Shot Both Sides with a Protestant convert, John Chief Moon. After Mass, a luncheon is served for them in the student refectory.

December 20, 1953 - page 153

The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given immediately after high mass this morning. At 2:00 p.m., we have the stripping of the Christmas tree and the distribution of candy to each student with a toy. A small concert consisting of Christmas carols is given at the same time for the parents who have responded in large numbers to the invitation.

December 22, 1953 - page 153

At 7:00 p.m., some members of the Rotarians' Club came to visit us with their Santa Claus. He gives a bag of candy to each child and [for] all the parents of the children who are present, the Christmas carols are repeated while the benefactors have a snack. The students leave with their parents for the Christmas vacations.

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January 4, 1954 - page 156

The students return to us today and a banquet is served to the parents. About 175 people attended.

February 19, 1954 - page 158

The children left after school for a weekend with their families, returning Sunday evening.

February 21, 1954 - page 158

In an effort to interest the students, there is a carnival tonight in the gymnasium; all arrive in time to participate in the games.

February 26, 1954 - page 158

Mr. Clovis Shot Both Sides, another convert, is getting married this morning to one of our former students, Delphine Long Time Squirrel.

March 7, 1954 - page 159

Sunday. A beautiful ceremony takes place at 3 o'clock in the church. The Rev. Father Principal explained the Blazon and received the members of the second degree in the association of M. A. M. I. The Rev. Father Allard, who had come from Hobbema, presided and simply made known the obligations imposed on each member and received those of the first degree. The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closed this imposing ceremony.

At 6 o'clock, a delicious banquet is served in the children's refectory. A recreational evening completed this ideal and Marian day.

April 25, 1954 - page 163

The students returned today from an eight-day visit with their families.

April 26, 1954 - page 163

We are having a banquet tonight for all the children who arrived on time.

May 9, 1954 - page 164

Sunday. Mother's Day. A tea is served to the mothers in the big girls' recreation room. Each mother is decorated with a carnation made in the classroom by the children, pretty songs during the tea express the love and respect of all hearts.

May 13, 1954 - page 164

This morning's mass is for the intentions of our dear Sister Superior. The students were numerous and sang as best they could. After class, Sister Superior goes into the rooms to distribute balloons and lollipops.

May 15, 1954 - page 164

The big boys went to Brocket to attend the opening of the gymnasium; they returned just before supper, delighted with their beautiful day.

May 28, 1954 - page 165

The cadets went to Waterton for a couple of days.

May 29, 1954 - page 165

The big girls, members of M. A. M. I., went with some Sisters to spend the day on a picnic as a reward for school activities.

June 2, 1954 - page 166

This morning, we are happy to open a ninth class of beginners in order to relieve my Sister F. Gamache who is up to 46 students, all new pupils. Miss Lina H. Shield, one of our former students who has just finished her normal school, is taking this class. We wish her every success.

June 5, 1954 - page 166

This year's graduating class went to Waterton for the day and returned at about 8:00 p.m., delighted with their day.

June 17, 1954 - page 167

Inspector Waller came to visit the new classroom.

July 19, 1954 - page 169

Miss Geraldine Brown Weasel, who came from Camsell and has been at the school for a month, made her first communion this morning.

July 20, 1954 - page 169

Six students arrive today for Sunday school lessons; four from Mill Spring and two from Cardston.

August 21, 1954 - page 171

At 10:00 a.m. a funeral was held at Stand Off for Mrs. Eagle Child, grandmother of several of our students. Our Sisters L. Thibert and L. Lefebvre went with some of the girls employed to help with the singing.

September 7, 1954 - page 172

Today is the first day of school. At 9:00 p.m. we have 240 registered students. We are very happy with this day.

As the children are becoming more and more numerous, we open another room for the boys, the three rooms near the gymnasium, with the walls torn down, has become a recreation room for the middle school boys from 10 to 13 years old. The good Brother Dussault is in charge of it.

September 20, 1954 - page 173

Around 4:00 p.m., we receive the gentlemen for the X-ray. They set up in the big girls' recreation room and hurry to pass all the children this evening, 261. The cards being prepared, there is no delay and at 6:30, all is finished.

October 2, 1954 - page 174

With the Indian teacher convention for the district being held here, our students are leaving today for an eight-day stay with their families.

October 13, 1954 - page 175

Grade 3 and 4 students are going to pick potatoes today, we are told the crop is very good.

16 October 1954 - page 176

Saturday. The Brocket boys are coming to spend the day picking up the surplus potatoes.

October 29, 1954 - page 176

The water outlet being blocked, we are forced to let the students go home for a few days.

November 7, 1954 - page 177

In the gymnasium hall, there is a bingo tonight for all the students; some Sisters go there to help the little ones find their numbers.

November 11, 1954 - page 177

This morning we had the funeral of Mrs. B. Sorel Horse, grandmother of several of our students.

12 November 1954 - page 177

At 8:00 a.m., we had the first meeting of the local teachers. This meeting was requested by Mr. Waller, Inspector.

27 November 1954 - page 177

At ten o'clock, wedding of two of our former students, Annabella Young Pine and Max Big Throat.

December 19, 1954 - page 178

This afternoon, in the gymnasium hall, at 2:00 o'clock, Christmas concert for the children's parents. After the concert, doughnuts and liquor were distributed to them and lollipops to the little children.

At 7.00 p.m., the Christmas tree is stripped of its presents. Each child receives a gift from Santa Claus.

January 3, 1955 - page 181

Entrance of the students. All are happy to return after a 12-day break. Big banquet given to parents and friends of the school. There were 220 guests.

20 January 1955 - page 181

We have a television set on trial. Wonderful thing, isn't it?

February 19, 1955 - page 182

Marriage of Mr. William Little Bear with one of our former students, Miss Agnes Many Fingers, daughter of Mr. Maurice M. F., a small Chief well seen by his compatriots and a fervent Catholic.

March 5, 1955 - page 183

Another marriage Mr. Frank Melting Tallow with Josephine Red Crane, two of our former students.

March 12, 1955, page 184

The big day has arrived, the tournament starts, the players: Cardston, Pincher Creek, Mcgraph [sic for Magrath], Raymond, Macleod, St. Mary's. It began at 1:30 p.m. and ended at supper given in the student dining hall.

The games resumed at 7 o'clock and finished about 10:30. The spectators were in fairly large numbers. The stage as well as the balcony were occupied by our students.

March 20, 1955 - page 184

The students returned to school, all arriving on time. However, we have several cases of mumps, in addition to a rather strong flu; they fall in groups.

March 23, 1955 - page 184

Class is interrupted for the three small classes. The dormitories are almost full of sick people; the temperature is high.

March 24, 1955 - page 184

The illness continues, this time among the older children without the younger ones having gone down [in recreation rooms, dining room, etc.].

April 26, 1955 - page 186

Big banquet in honor of the "Cadets" of both schools. They are accompanied by their fathers. There were about 125 guests. The employees of the Indian Department were among them.

May 5, 1955 - page 187

This evening, a big banquet in honor of our seven boys who are in charge of the 4-H Club. Chiefs and white people interested in this club are invited. We expected 20 guests, but only 11 showed up.

May 13, 1955 - page 187

Our 22 girls are going to see moving pictures at Cardston as a reward for their good behavior. The snow has been falling heavily for two days.

May 17, 1955 - page 187

A civil engineer was sent by Ottawa to visit all the Indian schools.

June 11, 1955 - page 188

Finally, the day of the big rally for the "Rodeo" has arrived, great excitement. Around 2 o'clock, the parade starts, it is very beautiful, followed by different very interesting participants, the students of different reserves are there, the Sisters of Brocket, their students, a crowd of several thousand people surround the arena.

June 20, 1955 - page 189

Cadets have their annual end-of-year picnic; they travel to Waterton by bus.

June 21, 1955 - page 189

It was the turn of our sewing room girls to have their end of year picnic; they had their final softball game yesterday.

Today it is the turn of the "little" boys and girls to have their softball game, ending with a "wiener" roast.

June 27, 1955 - page 189

Departure of all our students, distribution of prizes at 9 a.m. in the presence of Mr. Bunter, our good Agent, all the teachers and the school personnel, several parents attending. In a short time, the school is emptied, now the great silence favors us to the regular life.

September 14, 1955 - page 194

The optician, accompanied by Dr. Kelly and the nurse, visit the students.

September 18, 1955 - page 194

The first bingo of the school year was given to the students.

September 20, 1955 - page 194

The entire school staff went through the X-Ray, the machine that arrived around 8:00 a.m. did its duty well, as everything was finished early in the afternoon, even counting the 275 children.

October 7, 1955 - page 195

Our students will be spending 10 days with their families because of the conventions to be held in Edmonton on October 12, 13, 14.

October 19, 1955 - page 196

We have a nice visit from Mr. Davey, Deputy Minister of Education in Ottawa, Mr. Waller, Inspector of Indian Schools, Mr. Bunter, our agent. They do the visit from top to bottom.

October 28, 1955 - page 197

Miss Burgess, the nurse, comes to give a series of injections to all our students to fight tuberculosis.

October 31, 1955 - page 197

Masquerade given by the employees and students of the school, especially the "Witch" [??] by Mr. Doucette, very well done, all were very well dressed. The whole thing ended with a party and lunch.

November 1, 1955 - page 198

The three-day retreat for the students also began, preached by Rev. Father Ducy, an Oblate father from Lethbridge.

November 6, 1955 - page 198

Father Ducy invited all the Indians, men and women, teachers, and secular teachers to a large assembly in the basement of the church (parish hall) for 7:00 p.m. to discuss and form an association between parents and school personnel for the well-being of the students and their education, and for greater cooperation. The whole thing seemed to be a success since there were at least a hundred people in attendance. A snack was served, followed by a beautiful film in color: the Indians' pilgrimage to Notre Dame du Cap last year.

November 18, 1955 - page 199

Our students are leaving us today for the weekend to do some shopping, as each child is to receive a \$15.00 government grant today.

November 25, 1955 - page 200

At about 9 p.m., one of our older girls fell on the cement steps near the gymnasium; as she was unconscious, the doctor asked to take her on the stretcher to the hospital.

November 26, 1955 - page 200

Yesterday's accident victim is better, but she has a bad headache.

December 10, 1955 - page 201

Our students, both boys and girls, go to Raymond for a game of basketball. They attended mass and received Holy Communion to have more strength for the game.

December 18, 1955 - page 202

Our students are giving the Christmas concert for the parents. We have several guests of honor, among others, the brothers from different missions in the area.

December 19, 1955 - page 202

Tonight, in the big girls' gymnasium, a bingo followed by a raffle is taking place. Several Indians took part. There were 2 good, fat turkeys, a nice Christmas cake and a miniature model of a "Dodge" car.

December 20, 1955 - page 202

The raffle brought in the handsome sum of \$78.00. Mrs. Edward Little Bear, one of our former students was the lucky winner of a turkey and cake. Another of our students, who however belongs to the Piegan reserve, but is currently doing her 9th grade here, was the other winner.

We have the distribution of the toys by Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. Steel, Catholic teacher of Stand Off. He does his job very well.

December 21, 1955 - page 203

This evening, it is the visit of Mr. Santa Claus of the city of Cardston with his suite "Rotary Club". There are about 20 of them. As in the past years, they distribute candies, fruits and toys to everyone, even to the Sisters.

January 3, 1956 - page 206

The students returned to school and the traditional banquet for the parents, who numbered 225; the students took their meals in their respective rooms.

January 4, 1956 - page 206

Mr. Waller, our Inspector, paid us a short visit; he arrived for dinner and left around 5:30 p.m.

January 8, 1956 - page 206

Tonight, at the boys' gymnasium, big bingo for all the students. There are some nice prizes.

12 January 1956 - page 207

The Inspector for classes, Mr. Birkley from Cardston, is our guest for a few days.

January 15, 1956 - page 207

Because of several cases of meningitis, Dr. Kelly of the Cardston Hospital, thought it best to quarantine us. We have all services in the Chapel. A low mass is said at 11:00 a.m. in the Church for the people outside.

January 16, 1956 - page 207

One of our students was rushed to the hospital in the evening, suffering from the terrible disease.

January 17, 1956 - page 207

Dr. Kelly, assisted by two nurses, came to examine the throats and noses of all the students and staff. He prescribes an injection of penicillin morning and evening with rest at noon, this regime for eight days.

January 18, 1956 - page 207

Four nurses from the hospital come to help with the injections, which they will give morning and evening for the whole duration.

January 21, 1956 - page 207

As there were no other cases, the injections end this evening to everyone's great satisfaction.

February 8, 1956 - page 208

The dentist, sent by the Department for our students, begins his work today.

February 27, 1956 - page 209

After spending more than a fortnight with us and examining more than one hundred and twenty-five students, the dentist is leaving us to return in April.

March 5, 1956 - page 210

Miss Helen Weasel Head, a former student who has just completed her commercial course at Lethbridge, is replacing Mrs. Lena Russell for a few months.

March 7, 1956 - page 210

Banquet given in honor of the 4-H; many of the Department's employees were present including Mr. Hunter, the Head Agent, several speeches were given and Mr. Gibson was commended for his admirable dedication to this Club.

March 15, 1956 - page 210

Three visitors from the Ottawa Department came to see our School and have dinner. They are: Dr. Buck, Dr. Brown and Dr. Philteau.

April 27, 1956 - page 213

The people for the X-ray set up their machine in the big boys' room where from 9:00 a.m. the staff and the students take turns, in less than three hours everything is finished, about 300 people have passed.

26 May 1956 - page 214

The cadets in fairly large numbers are going to spend the weekend at Blairmore; their supervisor is taking them there.

May 5, 1956 - page 215

Our students went out for the day with their parents.

May 12, 1956 - page 215

Saturday. At 3:30 p.m., reception of several new members in the Association of Mary Immaculate. Father M. Lafrance, Principal, gave the sermon for the occasion and explained what they were committing themselves to, distributed badges and received the scapular of the Association.

At 6 o'clock, banquet for all the members presided by Rev. M. Lafrance, Principal. Religious films ended this beautiful Marian day.

May 13, 1956 - page 215

Mother's Day, a beautiful program in their honor and a snack was served in the refectory decorated for the occasion, for all the parents of the students. Mr. Hunter, the Agent and guest of honor, congratulated them on the cooperation they had given during the year and their attendance at the Teachers' Association meetings.

June 5, 1956 - page 216

At 10:00 a.m., we have the wedding of one of our former students, Miss Agnes Shade, with Mr. Stephen Valerio, Mexican; lunch is taken at the convent.

In the afternoon, there is a review of the Cadets at the Community Hall; several of our students are honored. At 4:00 p.m. a lunch was served here for about twenty officers.

June 8, 1956 - page 216

About twenty girls and boys, led by Rev. Father G. Voisin, left for Cluny where they were to take part in a country festival. Our Srs. L. Thibert and L. Lefebvre are part of the trip. They return around 11:00 p.m.

June 12, 1956 - page 217

Mr. B. Doucette went to Lethbridge with the girls' choir for a television program. Sister Superior Marthe Lamy allows us to see the program on television in the big girls' recreation room.

August 1, 1956 - page 220

First class wedding of Mr. M. McDougall of Brocket to Miss Helen Weasel Head, one of our former students.

September 5, 1956 - page 222

Today, the entrance of our students; they [are] happy to begin a new school year.

September 25, 1956 - page 222

Contrary to past years, the X-Ray for the school personnel, including the 291 students, is installed in the front yard; in one hour and twenty minutes, everyone has been through.

October 21, 1956 - page 224

Several students from Cluny came to compete with ours for the game of "soccer", but the weather was inclement. They were only able to play for half an hour.

December 3, 1956 - page 226

Today we have two Inspectors from Cardston for the classes; one examines the teacher and the other gives exams to the students. They are having a snack at the home economics class.

December 20, 1956 - page 227

At 10:00 a.m., at the Church, we had a double wedding: Miss Vera Panther Bone with Mr. Eagle Plume and Miss Ruby Big Head with Mr. Eagle Plume.

At 7.00 p.m., in the Gymnasium, a Christmas party for children. At the beginning, several songs were sung by a group of girls and boys. Mr. Steel, the schoolmaster of Stand Off, dressed as Santa Claus, distributed the toys.

December 21, 1956 - page 227

Again today, double wedding: Miss Brigitte Black Water with Mr. Many Gray Horses, Katharine Bull Calf with Charlie Blood.

At one o'clock, the departure of the students for the Christmas vacations; they will return to us only on January 6.

January 11, 1957 - page 230

All Indians receive the sum of fifteen dollars today.

January 12, 1957 - page 230

The students were allowed to go to Cardston for the day to shop.

January 25, 1957 - page 230

A beautiful film, "The Passion of Our Lord" was presented at Cardston, and our supervisor Sisters and their students went to see it.

January 29, 1957 - page 231

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Good Striker who was found frozen a few feet from her home. Three of her children are boarders here.

February 1, 1957 - page 231

A first-class service is being sung this morning for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Rufus Good Striker who died accidentally.

February 15, 1957 - page 231

Students are going to their families for the weekend; they will return Sunday evening.

February 21, 1957 - page 232

Forty of our big boys are going to Lethbridge for a singing festival. Rev. Father Gauthier accompanied them on a piano accordion.

February 22, 1957 - page 232

A large number of our big boys are going to sing in Lethbridge on T. V.

May 7, 1957 - page 236

The students' dining hall acquired a famous electric toaster which can toast 700 slices in an hour. Judge for yourself how happy the students are.

May 24, 1957 - page 237

Our dear students, receiving their treaty money, are leaving for their families and tomorrow they will attend their "rodeo" on their own reserve.

May 26, 1957 - page 237

The students returned a little tired from yesterday, but all were very happy.

June 2, 1957 - page 237

After the Benediction, exhibition of the works of sewing and culinary art, a great number of Indians go to the gymnasium to see the works, their children dressed in dresses and clothes of all kinds present themselves on the theater. The boys, their wooden works of all kinds: cupboards, small cradles, work boxes, etc. which the Government gives them as gifts at the end of the year.

June 13, 1957 - page 238

Our students are beginning their final exams, they recommend themselves to the prayers of all the Sisters.

June 14, 1957 - page 238

Today is "Field Day", a very joyful day for our students. The students from Brocket and St. Paul's (Protestant School) took part in the fun.

July 7, 1957 - page 240

We have the first communion for a group of students who go to the Day School in Cardston and who have been here for 15 days for catechism. After Mass, they return to their families.

We receive five other children whose mother is sick and whom we will have to keep for eight days.

September 4, 1957 - page 244

As the classes of grades 3-7-8 are not ready, these students remain in their recreation room.

About 30 students come to the day school and have their dinner with the boarders. Tonight, we have 207 students returning.

September 20, 1957 - page 244

As several students have the flu, the weekend break is cancelled.

September 27, 1957 - page 245

The students leave for the weekend.

October 4, 1957 - page 245

Despite the bad weather, students went to their families for the weekend.

October 6, 1957 - page 245

Sunday. Our students are quite faithful to come in for 7.00 p.m.

October 11, 1957 - page 246

The students leave us for 10 days because of the Teachers' Convention in Morley.

October 20, 1957 - page 246

Our students return after a week's vacation; they seem happy to be back.

October 26, 1957 - page 247

In the afternoon, a group of students with some Sisters went to the city to see the film "The Ten Commandments".

November 29, 1957 - page 249

From now until January, the students will go every week to their families, leaving on Friday and returning Sunday evening.

December 18, 1957 - page 250

Since the Indians no longer have a room to meet, they receive their money here in the boys' gymnasium; each person receives twenty-five dollars.

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January 21, 1958 - page 254

There is a bazaar in the boys' gym for all the reserve people.

January 22, 1958 - page 254

Tonight, there is a bingo for all students in the boys' gymnasium.

February 8, 1958 - page 255

Fifteen students from Cluny came to play hockey with our students; they returned that evening.

February 20, 1958 - page 255

Today, at the boys' gymnasium, the Indians come to get their money (each one gets 10.00).

February 24, 1958 - page 255

We learn of the death of Mr. Jim Many Feathers, one of our former students; his service will be held at Stand Off.

March 7, 1958 - page 256

Friday. Our students are going home to their families until Monday night, as we have a meeting for all the teachers in the area.

March 14, 1958 - page 256

Two Sisters (Daughter of Jesus) from Pincher Creek accompanied their students who had come to play a game of basketball. They leave us around 11:00 a.m.

March 22, 1958 - page 256

Our basketball players won the "Championship" for all of Southern Alberta.

April 13, 1958 - page 257

Sunday. Our students came back today very well prepared to resume classes.

April 17, 1958 - page 257

Big dinner with the guests of honour being: Mr. Gunlop, Member of Parliament and his daughter, Mr. Gladstone, Senator and his Lady, Mr. Brown, our Agent and his Lady, and several others.

At 7.30 p.m. a grand stage performance was given by the pupils and a song was sung by the pupils of Mr. Doucette's class. Everything was very well done and our congratulations go to Mr. Doucette who organized it.

April 25, 1958 - page 259

Visit from Mr. Markeley, Inspector. He visits all the classes, but does not make a proper inspection. He just passes by.

April 29, 1958 - page 259

Visit of Mr. Lemay from Ottawa, Mr. Frame from Edmonton, Mr. Brown our Agent, all three take lunch and supper here.

May 5, 1958 - page 259

At 2.00 a.m., in the boys' yard, we have the inspection of the cadets. Many distinguished guests, among them, Mr. Senator Gladstone.

May 15, 1958 - page 260

Banquet for the winners of the basket ball; there are thirty of them with guests of honor.

May 31, 1958 - page 260

Field Day in Lethbridge. Several of our students went to take part.

June 14, 1958 - page 261

All students in grades IX-X-XI went to Waterton Lake for a picnic; the others took the picnic around the house.

June 15, 1958 - page 261

Great demonstration of sewing and cooking done at the domestic science class. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their two children attended. Afterwards, there was a snack for everyone served by the students.

June 23, 1958 - page 262

A group of students are leaving today in order to do the quiet for the grade IX and X exams.

July 11, 1958 - page 263

All the Indians are coming here to the girls' gymnasium to pick up their treats, the sum of five dollars each. At the same time, they vote to keep the Chief for life.

August 15, 1958 - page 266

After rejoicing over the triumph of the Assumption of our good Mother in Heaven, we rejoice over the success of the Grade 9 students who are graduating from the Education Department. All 30 students are honored. We receive congratulations for the success of our students from Mr.

Frame, Edmonton Regional Inspector, Mr. Merkley, Provincial Inspector of Schools, Mr. Brown, Reserve Superintendent. This success will be our strongest argument in convincing the Indian Department in Ottawa of the necessity of a high school on our reserve.

September 2, 1958 - page 268

It is the return of our boarding students. We have just over a hundred. Our day students go to the 15 classes opened to receive them. Three new classrooms have been set up, one in the sewing room, one in the big girls' lounge and the other in the big boys' lounge.

September 27, 1958 - page 270

At about 1:30 p.m. Irène Lefebvre, Sisters Superior and L. Thibert went to Glenwood to attend a "Stampede" in which several of our boys from the school participated. Our Sisters, R. Hélie, E. Seart and H. Hébert had to leave a little earlier to prepare the counter. At 3:30 p.m., the Principal drove the nine little girls who had stayed over the weekend to the stampede. They were accompanied by our Srs. Corinne Lewis, who was visiting from Brocket, and R.A. Gauvin.

December 16, 1958 - page 273

The student concert was held tonight in the boys' gym. This evening consisted of two choirs: one of the upper school boys and girls directed by Fr. Goutier, O.M.I.; the grade 3 choir was directed by their class teacher, Mr. E. Doucette. The Christmas play was "The Party Room" directed by Mr. E. Doucette. The presentation was a success for both the actors and the audience. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and several of our reserve dignitaries honored us with their presence at this little party.

December 19, 1958 - page 274

An unforgettable day for all our students at St. Mary's School. Santa Claus, jovial as always, gave the children their Christmas presents in the presence of several dignitaries from the reserve. Double happiness, because the holiday vacation begins today. School will not start again until January 5, 1959. So, to all of you, happy and holy vacations.

December 22, 1958 - page 274

Second presentation of the play "The Empty Room". Many of our families from the reserve came to cheer on the students as well as several Cardston dignitaries. The Christmas cake drawing was won by Mrs. M. Scout and the turkey by Mr. Gordon Heavy Shield.

January 4, 1959 - page 278

The majority of our boarding students, who have been on vacation since December 23, are making a point of returning on time. They all assure us that they had a wonderful vacation.

January 9, 1959 - page 279

As in past years, the students do not go on weekends, except every two weeks until Easter.

January 24, 1959 - page 279

Tonight, in the boys' gym, there is a fine film entitled "The Great Houdini". This film was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

January 25, 1959 - page 279

At about 8:00 p.m., in the boys' gym, a beautiful game of "Basketball" was played. The students of our school triumphantly won over the Cardston Brownies.

February 1, 1959 - page 280

Tonight, at the 7:00 p.m. mass the baptism of two of our day students, Theresa and George Small Eyes, takes place in our school chapel. Let us thank God for having welcomed into his fold of good shepherd these two beautiful souls who feel very happy to be part of the beautiful Catholic family. Also at this same mass, Miss Lena Russel, a boarding student, made her first communion.

February 21, 1959 - page 280

A nice movie is given for the boarding students in the boys' gym. It is all the more beloved and comical having Jerry Lewis as the main actor.

April 5, 1959 - page 282

With the Easter vacations having come to an end, the students return to us this evening for a final triennium before the summer vacations. The majority of the boarders are making a point of returning on time.

April 23, 1959 - page 282

The Cardston District Music Festival was held in the boys' gymnasium. The schools of Brocket, Stand-Off and St. Paul were represented. The Rev. Mr. Goutier, Vice-Principal of St. Mary's School, had a very successful performance with his choir. Mr. Pruegger, master of accordion music from Lethbridge was a judge.

May 25, 1959 - page 284

The graduation of eighteen of our Grade 9 students from St. Mary's School is taking place today in the boys' gym. At a somewhat late mass, the graduates, dressed in their gown, took their places in the front pews of the chapel. After a beautiful day of work, there was a banquet for our graduates followed by an interesting evening organized by the students themselves. It should be noted that Mr. Jampolski, the school Inspector replacing Mr. Frame, was our guest of honor. Among our distinguished visitors we are fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Reserve Officers.

May 29, 1959 - page 284

At 2:00 p.m., in the boys' gym, we have the Inspection of the cadets from St. Mary's School and Stand Off. The inspectors were very impressed with the skill and good conduct of our boys. Congratulations to all.

June 14, 1959 - page 284

Thirty students from the school made their First Communion this morning in our parish church. Fifteen little girls dressed in white and fifteen little boys in little navy blue blazers made their way devoutly down the long aisle of the church. After a beautiful speech on the greatness of the sacrament of the Eucharist, the little ones approached the Holy Table to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

After the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:30 p.m. the first communicants of the morning approached again to the railing where Rev. Father M. Lafrance and Rev. Allard receive them with the Holy Scapular.

19 June 1959 - page 284

There is a game of softball between the Hobbema students and our big boys. Our guests won.

June 20, 1959 - page 285

There are moving pictures for the students who stayed for the weekend.

Our big girls go to the mountains for a picnic; they return delighted from their trip at about 7:30 p.m. Our Sisters Yvette Labonté, Supervisor of the older girls, accompanied by Sister Léona Fortin were also part of this trip.

June 26, 1959 - page 285

The Deo Gratias announcing the end of classes has arrived. Students, teachers and the whole community went to the boys' gym where prizes were distributed by our indefatigable Principal, Father Maurice Lafrance, O.M.I., and our devoted Superior, Sister Irène Lefebvre, S.G.M.

The departure from the school took place around 3:00 p.m. Towards evening, there were still a good number of students at the school because of the rain which made the roads impassable.

July 4, 1959 - page 285

Miss Diane Bull Shield, 17 years old, was baptized in our school chapel at 8:30 a.m. It was with a face and soul radiating sweet peace and inexpressible joy that she embraced the Catholic faith and said she was happy to be a part of it. Her parents, still Protestant, could not help but rejoice at the happiness of their eldest daughter. May God raise up other souls in this beautiful pious family.

October 18, 1959 - page 294

A few older girls accompanied by our Sisters Dora Durand and Yvonne Laramée went to Glenwood to help with the singing of the high mass at 11:00 a.m.

November 2, 1959 - page 295

There is a service sung by our big boys and girls at 7:00 a.m. On this annual feast of the commemoration of the faithful departed, all ask with a new fervor for the deliverance of the souls in purgatory, especially those of our relatives and friends.

November 5, 1959 - page 295

At 7:40 p. m. in the boys' gymnasium, the first game of basketball took place and our boys "Warriors" won over our visitors from Browning. Congratulations!

December 4, 1959 - page 296

The students do not go out this weekend. There is a basket ball game by our two groups of boys, the "Warriors" and the "Eagles". The Warriors won over their younger brethren

December 11, 1959 - page 296

Basketball game for our boys and big girls. The "Warriors" win over the Hillspring boys while our "Marians" win over the Hillspring girls. Congratulations to all.

December 15, 1959 - page 297

Our neighbors from Cardston came to play a game of basketball with our Warriors. The victory was again for our boys. Congratulations to all.

December 19, 1959 - page 297

The Christmas play was given in the boys' gym at 8:00 p.m. This representation " The Crib " was directed by one of our teachers, Mr. Earl Doucette, and was very well rendered by the actors who consisted of our teachers and students of the school.

December 18, 1959 - page 297

A movie was given to the students in the boys' gym. The film "Belles on Their Toes" was well liked by the older and younger students.

December 22, 1959 - page 297

Last day of school before the Christmas vacations; from 1:00 p.m. Santa Claus distributes presents in the boys' gymnasium. The departure is set for 4:00 p.m. and there are only a few students left for supper.

January 3, 1960 - page 300

Our three hundred boarding students should be home from their vacation this evening. Unfortunately, because of a snowstorm, many are missing. As soon as the roads are open, we will have to get them, because classes start again tomorrow morning.

January 13, 1960 - page 301

Messrs. G. K. Gooderham, Regional Inspector of Indian Schools, and K. R. Brown, Superintendent of the Agency at Cardston, paid a business visit to Rev. Fathers M. J. Lafrance, Principal, and J. Régnier, Director of Classes.

January 20, 1960 - page 301

Several gentlemen from the Indian Affairs Division are coming to inspect the new school which has just been completed. They will come back on February 3 to inform us when we will be able to take possession of it, or rather, to use it.

January 22, 1960 - page 301

Our three basketball teams did St. Mary's School proud with a victory over Browning and Pincher Creek (boys and girls). Congratulations to all our players!

January 23, 1960 - page 301

With the students not out this weekend, "SAND", a movie was shown in the boys' gym. All seemed to enjoy the lively film.

February 10, 1960 - page 302

Under the patronage of St. Joseph, the moving of classes took place today. In other words, we are taking possession of the new building constructed by the federal government during the year. This building contains twelve regular classrooms, one classroom for housekeeping, two shops, one for carpentry and the other for mechanics, two offices for the class director and his assistant and a room for the teaching staff.

The teachers and students are all happy with the change, as many since September, not to mention the inconveniences of past years, were crammed into classes divided in two.

February 20, 1960 - page 303

Our Farmers Club won the trophy for basketball, awarded by the Sick's Company of Lethbridge.

March 5, 1960 - page 303

Our Warriors Club won the Desy Trophy today in a basketball tournament.

March 11, 1960 - page 303

The hockey team, with its coach, Mr. Eugene Sullivan, and the Rev. J. Régnier, O.M.I., went to Hobbema to meet the Ermineskin School team.

March 19, 1960 - page 303

Our Warriors won the basketball trophy in a tournament held for the South Alberta League. This will enable them to compete next week for the provincial championship.

March 21, 1960 - page 303

The Hockey Club travels to Calgary to play the Crowfoot School team from Cluny.

March 26, 1960 - page 304

In Lethbridge, where the tournament was held, the Warriors won the basketball game. This is the second time in the school's history that they have been Alberta champions. Congratulations are in order.

April 1, 1960 - page 304

A retreat for the students begins this evening. It is being preached by Father Jean Forcade, O.M.I., of St. John's College, Edmonton.

April 14, 1960 - page 305

On Holy Thursday, April 14, about twenty boys and girls made their First Communion in the chapel during the mass celebrated at 4 p. m. for the external students, the church not being able to contain the schoolchildren and the parishioners. The first communicants were under the direction of Sister Rose Hurtubise.

May 1, 1960 - pages 306-307

A Vocation Rally, organized by the CYO of Lethbridge, is held in that city all day. A group of our High School students went for the evening program, as well as Sisters Irène Lefebvre, Superior, Alice Houle, Yvonne Laramée and Jeannine Coulombe; the latter led by Father J. A.

Lavallée, O.M.I. The day was a success. Wendy Shaw did us proud. Let us hope that more religious and priestly vocations will arise in South Alberta.

May 26, 1960 - page 308

The big boys and girls are treated to a nice picnic in Waterton. The other students take part in games and races on our playground and have supper outdoors.

May 28, 1960 - page 308

With the beautiful weather making nature even more attractive, the few remaining students for the weekend went to St. Mary's Dam for supper with their supervisors. The rest of the Sisters went to Stand Off along the Waterton River for supper.

June 2, 1960 - page 309

At 9 a.m. the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for the graduates of grade 9. Father J. Régnier, O.M.I., director of classes, gave the sermon. A select group of students formed the choir under the direction of Sr. Blandine Lévesque. It seems that this occasional choir outdid itself...

A banquet was served at 6 p.m. in the girls' gymnasium, for the graduates, their parents and some dignitaries and guests, among others, Mr. G. K. Gooderham, Regional Inspector of Indian Schools, Mr. and Mrs. Merkley and Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore, Inspectors of the Cardston School Division, and Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Brown.

In the boys' gymnasium, the collation of pins and prizes followed the banquet. To Mr. Howard Beebe was given the honor of presenting each graduate with his pin. Mr. Merkley's speech was remarkable in that he paid tribute to all those who have contributed in one way or another to the raising of the intellectual standard among the Indians. He made special mention of Sr. Alice Houle and Mrs. James (Lina) Russell.

June 9, 1960 - page 310

With the help of a few older girls, Sisters Yvonne Laramée and Rose-Anna Gauvin went to the church at Stand Off at 1 p.m. to do the big cleaning. Around 4 o'clock, Sister Blandine Lévesque will replace Sister Gauvin. For the students, this is worth a lesson in domestic science. As a reward, they had supper there in the open air.

June 10, 1960 - page 310

The students, encouraged by their teacher, it goes without saying, have prepared for today an exhibition of their work in sewing and carpentry. There are some very nice, well-made pieces. The girls even tried to do a fashion show.

Tea was served to the guests in the housekeeping room and parents and friends could visit the new classroom building.

To end the day, a baseball game between the students and the teachers and supervisors, including the principal, stimulated emulation. Our dear students lost honorably.

June 23, 1960 - page 311

The Department of Education examinations, for grade 9, begin today. To promote quiet, students who have their classrooms in the building where the exams are being written are allowed to be dismissed. Therefore, the vast majority of students will begin their vacation today.

The others will have to wait until June 30. May our good Mother Mary protect these dear students during this well-deserved period of relaxation.

June 29, 1960 - page 311

The students of grade 9 were treated this afternoon to a picnic in Waterton. Sisters Rose Hurtubise and Yvonne Laramée accompanied them.

July 3, 1960 - page 313

The children who attend the public school, and therefore receive no religious instruction, are invited to come and spend a fortnight here. About twenty of them, whites and Indians, responded to the invitation. Sisters Blandine Lévesque and Françoise Gamache will be the teachers.

September 5, 1960 - page 320

The repairs in progress are sufficiently advanced to allow the entrance of the students. As last year, we are expecting about three hundred boarders. It is expected that we will exceed last year's enrollment of 450. The students seem to be well disposed. The same is true of the teachers and supervisors.

September 22, 1960 - page 320

The famous Meir Troop, from the Blackhills of North Dakota, is visiting Lethbridge. Yesterday and today, in groups, our students from grades 9 to 12 inclusive, attended the beautiful drama of THE PASSION. The Sisters joined the students to enjoy this beautiful play.

October 7, 1960 - page 321

Our students leave after school for a big week off. Monday is the legal holiday of Thanksgiving. From Wednesday to next Friday inclusive, the convention of the teachers of the Indian schools will be held in Cluny. The students will then return to us on Sunday, the 16th.

October 20, 1960 - page 321

For the first time, about twenty of our tall students who are capable of doing so, are going to the Red Cross clinic to give a pint of their blood. It is said that it is the first time that we see so many Blood People there, who are very proud to expect that their blood will invigorate the Whites

November 8, 1960 - page 322

Mr. Grange, Health Engineer, Federal Government, and Miss Stuker, Superintendent of Public Health Nurses, also employed by the Federal Government, make a thorough tour of the entire house and its outbuildings.

November 10, 1960 - page 322

Thursday. At four o'clock this afternoon, the students leave us until Sunday; tomorrow being the Armistice, therefore a holiday.

November 24, 1960 - page 323

The feast of Reverend Father Maurice Lafrance, O.M.I., Principal, is anticipated, a Saturday not being suitable for a celebration, while most of the students are with their families.

The day begins with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is attended by the students who are responsible for the singing.

A festive dinner is served to the five hundred students at noon. This evening, a banquet gathers the entire staff around the dedicated Principal. The celebration cake, the work of our cook Sister Edna Baert, is a miniature replica of the new church in Cardston. This cake will be raffled off to benefit the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

December 11, 1960 - page 325

The Knights of the Altar, under the leadership of Messrs. Jerry Dawson and Gerald Butler, have their investiture tonight. Nearly seventy altar boys are pledging various degrees, either as page, knight or grand knight. The ceremony is simple, but beautiful, and takes place after the 7:00 p.m. Mass, presided over by the Reverend Father Joseph Régnier, O.M.I. All participants were then invited to a banquet served in the boys' lunch room.

December 18, 1960 - page 326

With the help of their supervisors, the students prepared a very short recreational evening which was attended by all the staff and some parents this evening.

December 23, 1960 - page 326

The Christmas tree is stripped bear of its gifts for the younger students; the older ones having received their gifts last night. At noon, everyone leaves us for the next two days of January.

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January 2, 1961 - page 328

All boarders return tonight for the resumption of classes tomorrow morning, except for a few little ones who are suffering from measles.

1 May 1961 - page 333

Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. What better day for a first communion? Twenty-five students approach the holy table for the first time. Mass is celebrated especially for them and their parents around eleven o'clock. May the faithful Guardian of Jesus and Mary keep these children in divine friendship.

Immediately after the mass, they are given the scapular of Mount Carmel.

May 10, 1961 - pages 333-336

At nine o'clock a.m. the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the first twelve graduates of grade 12 of St. Mary's School. The Reverend Father Maurice Lafrance, O.M.I., Principal, officiated and gave the sermon for the occasion. A group of High School students perform appropriate hymns under the direction of Sr. Blandine Levesque.

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The graduates are: Veronica Beebe, Josephine Black Rabbit, Edwardine Cotton, Joyce Fox, Leroy Heavy Runner, Leroy Little Bear, William Many Bears, Marth Oka, Lawrence Plain Woman, Thelma Plaited Hair, Geraldine Wolf Child and Adeline Young Pine.

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May the readers of these columns allow the columnist a reminiscence. Can we count the efforts, the toils, the sweats, the failures, the sacrifices of the three generations of Grey Nuns who sowed so that we might reap? Long gone are the days of the first Stand Off school when the Sisters alone assumed all the financial and educational responsibilities. Twenty years ago, students who left school at the age of sixteen had reached an average of grade six. However, girls were taught how to run a house properly and boys were taught how to work the farm. Today's students can learn these things from their parents or through special courses or technical schools. No doubt our predecessors, like ourselves, would be proud of the 1961 graduates! They have given us the example of an abundant seed. Let us follow them in the furrow for the glory of God and the good of the Blood People.

June 29, 1961 - page 338

Miss Vivien Pottie and Mr. Frank Wozniowski give an exhibition of the work they have done in domestic science and carpentry. Parents, who came to pick up their children, could admire the skill of the students and the patience of the teachers.

From 4 o'clock on, the school becomes quieter and quieter. The students leave us one after the other, except for the few individuals in grades 9 and 12 who have to write their last exams tomorrow. The vacations are beginning. O Virgin Mary, watch over your children.

July 3, 1961 - page 339

About fifty children, white and Indian, attend the public schools, come to take catechism lessons. Sisters Françoise Gamache and Rose-Anna Gauvin are the catechists. Mrs. Angéline Standing Alone and Mr. Aimé Beaulieu are the Supervisors outside of school hours. The services of the latter had to be retained because of the small number of Sisters available.

August 17, 1961 - page 347

In spite of the cloudy weather and the appearance of impending rain, Fathers J. Régnier and M. Goutier, o. m. i., took Miss Pottie, the home economics teacher, and the students who had helped her in the classification of the school library, on a picnic. In spite of the rain which soon surprised them, they said they had enjoyed their excursion to the mountains.

September 5, 1961 - page 352

A large number of students are still missing at the beginning of the school year in spite of the exact bus service, increased this year from four to six. At about two o'clock p.m., there was a meeting of the religious and lay supervisors of the school in order to properly distribute the supervision hours of the students during the recesses.

September 11, 1961 - page 353

A telephone call came at about 3:00 a.m. announcing the death a couple of hours earlier of Guy Russell, son of Mr. Paul Russell and brother of Mrs. Karl Wadl, also of Camille and Leo, two of

our students. When will these poor Indians convince themselves that an excursion in the hostels of the American territory often ends in fatal accidents? They need willpower and how we must pray that the good Lord will help them to make good use of it.

September 17, 1961 - page 355

As announced last Sunday, the beautiful weather allows us to resume the games cancelled by the rain. Everyone was invited to the school's "corral" for the amusements that were always popular with the Indians: horse races, lassoing of wild calves, and other races. A canteen was set up to sell candy and liquor.

Father M. Goutier, with the help of his "Crusaders" is the animator of these country parties; he would like so much to divert them from the abuse of the drinks which cause them so many misadventures.

October 5, 1961 - page 359

All day long, the students take turns going to the chapel for confessions in preparation for the first Friday of the month.

October 14, 1961 - page 361

Perfect weather! Our older boys host a team from Taber, Alta, and compete against them in an outdoor game. A good number of fans are interested and follow the game with attention. In the last minutes of the "match", one of our students, probably in a rush for a last chance, falls and breaks his arm. Father J. Régnier, "senior teacher" of the school, took him immediately in his car to the Cardston Hospital where he would be treated.

October 19, 1961 - page 362

According to the weather forecast, a snowstorm is coming soon. The potatoes have not all been dug up; in order to speed up the work, we are asking for manpower. This afternoon, a group of students are going to pick these precious vegetables, so aptly called the bread of the poor.

And just as we were returning from the Rosary exercises in the church, the snow, driven by a violent wind, whipped our faces.

November 1, 1961 - page 365

To occupy the leisure time pleasantly, an interesting film for the schoolchildren entitled "In courage with Lassie" (a dog) is shown to them, in the morning for the young people and in the evening for the adults.

November 9, 1961 - page 366

This evening, the 9th grade graduates are gathered with their parents, teachers and the Rev. Fathers of the school for a festive meal. A few of them spoke, but Reverend Father M. Lafrance, the Principal, said some encouraging and practical words about the need to prepare well for their future. One student addressed a word of thanks to all those present, especially to the Fathers, Parents and Teachers.

The graduates and their guests proceeded to the older students gymnasium for a dance party.

November 17, 1961 - page 367

Our day of recreation has been brought forward to this day because of the recollection which will open this evening.

A "National Film Board" film was shown last night at Gladstone Common Room for the Indian audience of the reserve; we were able to get it played at our gymnasium for all the staff and students. Mr. Baker came at 11:00 a.m. While there is so much talk of integration, this film is of interest to all Indian tribes as the pictures show. The costumes of the elders, the sun dances, and the activities that are gradually being introduced into the reservations show the progress that has been made, replacing these customs, which, while dear to them, are tending to disappear. Among the amusements that they enjoy, we can mention rodeos, horse races, and the capture of animals with lassoes. In short, all were glad of their relaxation for the last hour of class before dinner.

December 3, 1961 - page 370

After the evening mass, there is a meeting in the gymnasium of older students. The 12th graders appeared for the first time in a public debate. The topic is interesting; a timely subject: "Should the Indians keep their culture and customs?" The affirmative party was represented by Veronica Beebe and Joseph Scout while Leroy Little Bear posed for the negative. Moses Weasel Head acted as chairman. Three judges were to give their opinion next, they were Messrs. Big Chief Shot on Both Sides and Howard and Stephen Fox, both "Little Chiefs" of their tribe. The latter gave a good judgment which can be summarized as follows: Keep in our customs what can keep the character of our tribe and try to keep up with the "whites".

After the words of encouragement and congratulations of Father J. Régnier, O.M.I., Prefect of Studies, and the paternal appreciation of Father Principal, the hymn "O Canada" ended this interesting evening.

December 10, 1961 - page 372

In the basement of the church, an assembly of the ladies and young ladies of the "Rainbow Club". The students of grades 11 and 12 presented a small play in honour of Our Lady of Guadeloupe and the Council then proceeded to the admission of new recruits. The students in the grades mentioned will now be part of it. This is an excellent way to interest them in charitable works for the less fortunate.

In the student refectory the Crusaders' meeting was held to admit new members and to elect a president to replace William Little Bear who had died in July. Immediately thereafter, the kitchen is invaded by this group to flip some good pancakes "home style!"

December 22, 1961 - page 373

At 9:30 a.m. the students gathered in the big students' gymnasium for a Christmas concert by themselves and their teachers. Each group comes to perform the prepared pieces: song, recitation, pantomime, skit, etc.

Immediately afterwards, the day students have their lunch and receive their gifts while in the halls the gifts are distributed after Santa's visit.

The buses were ready at 1:00 p.m. for the day students first; they made a second trip for the boarders whose parents were unable to pick them up. Some teachers also look forward to enjoying their freedom, proposing themselves to have a good day and a rest.

January 21, 1962 - page 381

At about 2 p.m., the Crusaders are at the big boys' gymnasium for the announced bingo game. Unfortunately, the cold and the snowstorm prevented many people from attending, thus diminishing the success of this game, the proceeds of which are destined for the future grotto.

February 13, 1962 - page 383

The students of the high school have a dance for Valentine's Day.

June 3, 1962 - page 407

Sunday. It rained during the night, but the program prepared for the day of fun at Moses Lake was not disturbed and the people who had attended mass had a good time with all the enthusiasm they knew how to put into it and also thanks to the zeal of the good Father M. Goutier who spared neither his time nor his strength to train his whole world of children, which he grouped into teams with leaders and their respective attributions.

The parents' meeting announced for this evening was not what was expected since no one responded to the invitation, and this is regrettable, since there were several subjects on the program for this meeting of Fathers, teachers and parents for the good of the children.

June 19, 1962 - page 409

Our 12th graders are grouped at the table this evening for a dinner in their honor. The Rev. Father J. Régnier, O.M.I., prefect of studies, presides with his colleagues, the Rev. Father A. A. Beauchamp, O.M.I., and A. Roy, O.M.I., both of St. John's College, Edmonton.

After supper, the students went to the gymnasium where their teachers and parents awaited them for a dance.

June 20, 1962 - page 410

The 10th and 11th graders finished their written exams at noon and are leaving tonight for vacation; but the 12th graders are preparing for tomorrow. Let's hope that the Holy Spirit will inspire them to give the right answers... if they have deserved this favor.

June 28, 1962 - page 411

Before their departure, the students take the "Field Day" holiday. Mr. E. Doucette, one of the teachers, was in charge of organizing the sports for this day, which gave pleasure to the students; this evening, it is the flight to the home of the 12th graders, the others will have their turn tomorrow at 4:00.

June 29, 1962 - page 411

During the day, prizes were distributed to the pupils in their respective classes and before leaving for the vacations, all are grouped together for the recitation of the rosary; the youngest in front of the grotto where the little white Virgin is still enthroned and the oldest in the church. Father Prefect addressed a word to them to encourage them to behave well during these two months of rest in the family.

July 1, 1962 - page 412

Also, this evening, some children registered for the catechism lessons given by the good Brothers Arcand and Goutier. We were expecting more of them, but they will arrive tomorrow after the

celebrations that took place in Cardston this very day, marking the 75th anniversary of the foundation of this little town.

July 2, 1962 - page 412

The Fathers are making a tour of the reserve to collect the students who are to attend catechism; this evening there are thirty-six of them and more are to follow.

July 4, 1962 - page 412

Finally, we managed to collect sixty children for the catechism course. Every day, Rev. Roy, O.M.I., says mass at 11:30 a.m. and explains to the children the different parts of the Holy Sacrifice so that they may better enjoy this great act. The Brothers have the responsibility of keeping all these young people in good discipline... and it is quite an experience.

July 13, 1962 - page 414

It is a feast day as twenty of the young students of this fortnight receive Jesus for the first time. These young people, white and Indian, are today the joy of their teachers: Rev. Roy celebrates the mass and there is singing accompanied by the dear Father M. Goutier, o.m.i., on the organ and to which he joins his rich voice. Let us give thanks to God who thus gives some joy to his missionaries.

September 4, 1962 - page 423

The 1962-63 school term began this morning with only half of the expected students, that is, 570. In order to allow the teachers and supervisors to meet and set the schedule for the year, the buses brought the day students back to school at 1:30 p.m.

September 18, 1962 - page 426

The annual visit of the "X-Ray Society" at Charles Camsell Hospital required children, teachers and staff to take turns in front of the machine for a lung examination. We all go in about one o'clock this afternoon.

September 26, 1962 - page 428

Towards the end of the morning, the oculist moved to the Indian visiting room to receive students whose eyesight seemed to require some improvement.

October 2, 1962 - page 429

Immediately after class, at 3:30 p.m., the children left for a six-day vacation. Since the annual teachers' conventions were held on October 4 and 5 in Edmonton, an extra day was given to the teachers as a "travel day". This gave the students an extra day off.

November 14, 1962 - page 437

Today we received a visit from a dietitian sent by Ottawa to report on the hygiene and nutrition of the children. She visited the dining halls during lunch and spent part of the day in the kitchen.

December 18, 1962 - page 442

Fort the Christmas concert which will take place this evening, all the children of the day school stay for supper.

At about 6:15 p.m., all the buses are mobilized to take the children to the Community Hall for the concert which is to begin at 7:00. We went there with Rev. Father G. Fortier, Principal.

The concert was presented by fifteen of the eighteen classes of the school, after which each child present at the concert received a bag of candy courtesy of the good Father Principal. Many parents attended the concert, which is encouraging for the teachers because, if we have the cooperation of parents, the education of children is much easier.

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January 3, 1963 - page 448

Even though only one-third of the school children are with us this morning, the happy hive is back to its usual humming in the midst of its many activities.

January 11, 1963 - page 450

During the evening, the residential students leave us for the weekend.

January 27, 1963 - page 452

With the Government pushing to send Indian children to white schools, a new movement is being organized to consider the problem and respond accordingly. It is a "Parish and School Central Committee" consisting of twenty-three Indian men from all parts of the reserve. The first meeting is tonight following a banquet.

February 1, 1963 - page 454

With class ending at 2:30 p.m. for a teachers' meeting, our Warriors took the opportunity to celebrate at 3 o'clock their victory last week in a basketball tournament. Three times they won the game with brilliant success. Their trophy was placed on a nice cake made by our cook, and it is presented to them during a snack prepared in the boys' dining hall where the guests of honor are Mr. J. Dawson, their sports teacher, Rev. J. Joly and the students of grades 10, 11, and 12.

March 3, 1963 - page 468

Because of the diphtheria which seems to be taking its toll on the Piegan Reserve, the Brocket students returned this evening to prevent any contagion at home. Already seven cases, including one death, are hospitalized at Fort McLeod. To prevent the disease on our reserve, an immunization campaign will open in a few days.

March 13, 1963 - page 469

The great diphtheria campaign is now immunizing all faculty and staff of the school. We have our turn there late this morning.

May 18, 1963 - page 475

The residential students who did not leave last night are all leaving during the day to enjoy a long weekend on Victoria Day.

May 30, 1963 - pages 476-477

There is a reception tonight in the staff cafeteria for the Blood Band Councillors, or Chiefs, where the two newly elected Councillors, Messrs. Rufus Good Striker and Steve Mistaken Chief, are being honoured. They replace Morris Many Fingers and Mike Oka respectively.

Following the banquet, an interesting program took place in the girls' dining hall. It was an evening to honor our high school students. It is a distribution of awards to the most deserving students of the school year. In front of a room full of teachers, parents and students, Mr. E. Doucette opened the evening by speaking about Christian youth in today's world.

[Speeches by Father Goutier and Father Martin Fox].

The distribution of prizes to the students then took place. Twelve handsome trophies were presented to the most deserving students in grades seven through twelve and to five students in those same grades who had distinguished themselves by their politeness, Christian living or accuracy. Miss Joyce Good Stricker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Good Stricker and a ninth grader, wins the evening's honorable mention. We congratulate her!

May 31, 1963 - pages 477-478

Class ends at 2 o'clock this afternoon to allow parents to meet the teachers and learn about the work their children have done during the school year. For this purpose, there is an exhibit in the girls' gymnasium of work done in Home Economics and Woodwork as well as the various enterprises done by the classes. The trophies received last night by the students are on display for visitors to see, along with photos and paintings as souvenirs.

Tonight, in the girls' gym, CYO youth held the last dance of the school year. Youth from Pincher Creek and Twin Butte responded to the invitation to come and recreate with our beloved Indians.

July 1, 1963 - page 481

About fifty Indian children are registered for catechism classes this morning. A dozen of them come from Brocket.

July 13, 1963 - page 481

The catechism classes ended this morning with the First Communion ceremony. Six students received the God of the Host for the first time at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, at which the Sisters and the two Oblate Brothers sang.

September 2, 1963 - page 486

The entrance of the residential students is limited this evening to the students of grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 only, that is to say, to the two older students' recreation rooms. Since the construction of the two wings is not very advanced, the other four rooms for the medium and small grades will not be opened until the sanitary facilities have been properly installed.

This evening, we welcome to the community Rev. Fortier, Principal, who has come to speak to us about the most effective ways to exercise the apostolate with the children who will be entrusted to us this year. Nearly 580 students are enrolled in the new school term, from kindergarten to twelfth grade inclusive; with the addition of the Woodwork Shop, Home Economics and a special class for boys unfit for advanced studies.

In addition to the large staff employed in residence, 23 teachers are being hired for the ten months of classes which will begin tomorrow.

September 3, 1963 - page 486

All 23 classrooms open this morning to accommodate, along with those from the high school, all students who are of the day school, that is, who travel by any of the seven buses.

September 9, 1963 - page 486

With the cleaning being done all over the house, dedicated Sister Superior Irene Lefebvre, helped by Sister L. Lefebvre and Sister Y. Laramée, undertakes, this week, to care for, wash and bandage twice a day, all the girls who are students of the day school and who are suffering from a skin disease that is contagious.

December 13, 1963 - page 491

All the children left us last night, except for about thirty. This morning, the buses bring us the parents who are invited to spend the day at the school in order to meet the teachers and supervisors of their children. This appointment replaces the signing of the report cards required for the parents. In spite of the cold weather, nearly 90 mothers and fathers responded to the invitation and talked with us about the academic and educational progress of their children. At 3:30 pm, after a small snack, the parents are free to go back home by the bus which makes its usual rounds.

This day was very much appreciated by all. All hope that such an opportunity to meet will be repeated before too long.

December 20, 1963 - page 492

The Christmas vacations open this evening with a concert given at the Community Hall by the students of the school. For this purpose, all the day school children are staying here for supper, which is given at 5 o'clock.

At 5:30 p.m. the buses take the children to the Hall; the concert is to begin at 7 o'clock. For about two and a half hours, we witnessed the skill of our students who performed songs, dances, mimes and appropriate skits. At the end of the concert, a thousand bags of candy were distributed to all the children by Rev. Fortier, Principal. The buses then made their usual rounds and the residential students were free to leave with their parents.

January 8, 1964 - page 496

The residential students return to us this evening after almost twenty days of vacation! Let us hope that such a rest has intensified in each one the ardor for studies.

January 24, 1964 - page 496

Very few children remain for the weekend. The parents, having received their "lease money" yesterday, are more faithful in picking up their children.

March 15, 1964 - page 502

A basketball tournament begun yesterday at noon in our gymnasium ends tonight with the following results: Our girls, the Warriorettes lose the trophy intended for the winning girls' team, while our WARRIORS club win a final victory which entitles them to the trophy of the season. Congratulations to their coach, Mr. Jerry Dawson, Supervisor of the big boys.

April 17, 1964 - page 505

The buses this morning brought back, instead of the students, the parents who had been invited to a "Parents and Teachers" meeting. In spite of a violent snowstorm, 140 fathers and mothers responded to the invitation and came to learn about their children's school work.

May 26, 1964 - page 507

A six-year-old girl is buried this afternoon in our cemetery. Beverly Heavy Runner was killed instantly on the street in Cardston by a car Saturday night. Beverly was attending the kindergarten class.

June 13, 1964 - page 509

Most of the students went home to enjoy Farmers' Day weekend.

June 18, 1964 - page 510

School activities come to a close tonight with a banquet for the twelfth graders followed by the distribution of awards to the most deserving students in grades 7 through 12. Miss Joyce Goodstricker, daughter of Mr. Rufus Goodstriker and Celina Brewer, a tenth grader, was presented with the school's model student award. We congratulate her for the edification she has certainly sown around her during the school year by her good examples of conduct.

June 19, 1964 - page 510

For the students of grades 7, 8, 10 and 11, it is the big vacation that begins this afternoon, as they have final leave to allow grades 9 and 12 to write their departmental examinations in peace.

September 7, 1964 - page 516

Today is also Labor Day. Nearly two hundred students, boys and girls, arrive to seek instruction and education at our school. May the Holy Spirit enlighten us and act through us.

October 28, 1964 - page 519

A group of singers, drummers and dancers from the reserve came to the gymnasium to entertain our students and many visitors. The costumes were very nice, beaded with great taste.

October 30, 1964 - page 520

Today, the roles are reversed at school: the students have the day off and the buses bring the parents. The parents come in great numbers to discuss their children's problems with the teachers. Lunch is eaten in the student dining room and all the house staff share the same meal at the same table with the parents. In the afternoon, everyone gathered in the girls' gymnasium for an educational film, followed by a speech by Father Y. Levaque, Principal. The Father wants all the Indians to be aware of the present situation. There is talk of the government removing the high schools from the reserves unless parents unite in protesting this desire which will soon become a reality if the necessary steps are not taken.

November 20, 1964 - page 521

Our residential school students go to Coleman for a basketball game. They return happy with their success.

December 18, 1964 - page 522

The weather is nice today and almost all the students were able to return to their respective classes. The ones who are absent are those who have to go and spend the money received yesterday, "lease money".

Tonight, our basketball players have two games on the schedule, Eagles versus Redmen from St. Paul's School of the reserves and the Warriors versus Iowa Ghosts; both of our teams gave up wins to the visitors.

December 24, 1964 - page 523

The cold is holding in the 40s below zero and the roads are so full that seventeen students were unable to return home and will spend the holidays with us.

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January 6, 1965 - page 526

Residential students are due back tonight. Only a small number can answer the call; the roads are still closed by snow banks and today it snowed again part of the day.

January 7, 1965 - page 526

Our teachers go to their respective classes, armed with courage to start the second school term. Few students were able to get to school; the buses could not circulate on the reserve.

January 20, 1965 - page 527

Dr. Chalmers, high school Inspector, is visiting the classes today. At noon Mr. M. Brodhead, Superintendent is here and is having dinner with Dr. Chalmers and Father J. Régnier.

April 4, 1965 - page 531

Great basketball tournament in our school gymnasium. Teams from: Calgary Calumets, Lethbridge Chieftains, St. Paul's Braves, Crowfoot Arrows, Heart Butte Warriors, Browning Star School, Babb Mustangs and St. Mary's Warriors.

April 9, 1965 - page 532

Distribution of report cards and meeting of parents with teachers. It was a great success; many parents were interested in their children's progress. Dinner was held in the student dining room, with teachers and parents sharing the same table.

May 26, 1965 - page 535

At two o'clock this afternoon, sixty-three of our little children had the joy of making their First Communion. Reverend Father Fox, a parent of several of these first communicants, celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

June 18, 1965 - page 537

The students of grades ten and eleven having written their exams, they are ready to take their freedom for a couple of months.

June 23, 1965 - page 537

Grade twelve students begin writing the Education Department exams. All teachers are invited to a tea at Mr. Arthur Coady's home to bring all teachers together once more before the final departure of several.

June 30, 1965 - page 538

Last day of the school year. At nine o'clock this morning the buses bring the children in and wait for them as they return almost immediately after receiving their promotion. At eleven o'clock the twenty-three students of grade nine finish their exams and return home. May the Blessed Virgin care for and protect each of these dear children of the prairies. Thus ends the month of June.

September 1, 1965 - page 539

At nine o'clock, the teachers went to the classrooms to welcome their students for the year. Although a few were missing, a large number were present. At eleven o'clock the buses bring back all these children since they are all, for the moment, pupils of the day school.

In the afternoon, there is a meeting of the teachers with Father Levaque, Principal, and Father Joseph Régnier, senior teacher. When this was over, the teachers felt ready to get to work for the year.

September 24, 1965 - page 540

All the teachers are heading for Calgary and then tomorrow to Seebe, Rafter 6, for a day's meeting with Superintendent M. M. Brodhead and the Inspector of Indian Schools, Mr. A. Dew. On the program is a lecture by Miss Rose Calliou, Ottawa Department for Indian Schools, on the teaching of oral English.

October 15, 1965 - page 542

At one o'clock the buses are returning the students to their homes so that the teachers can attend a session of the annual Catholic Welfare Association convention being held at Senator Gladstone Hall, Cardston. The topic of discussion is "What are the Attitudes and Feelings among the Non-Indian which Might Block the Process of Community Development among the Indian people of Alberta?"

November 1, 1965 - page 543

Students are called to class to facilitate their attendance at mass. The program for the day included mass at 9:45 a.m., followed by a few minutes of recreation, and then all went to the cemetery to pray for the dead who lay there. As usual, dinner is taken in the cafeteria. At one o'clock, the call is made to the girls' gymnasium and everyone is treated to a color film of the ordination ceremony of Reverend Father Marvin Fox, a child of the reserve. At 1:45, the buses take the children home ...

December 23, 1965 - page 546

At nine o'clock, the buses bring the students to school for only a few hours. As always, the teachers hold on to their religion period. Today's theme is preparation for the beautiful Christmas and vacation season. Before eleven o'clock, each teacher offers a gift and a bag of candy to each student, thanks to the generosity of the school's Father Principal.

February 4, 1966 - page 551

Today, the roles have been reversed. Buses run on the reservation, bringing parents to school and children have the day off. It is the meeting of parents and teachers. The day begins appropriately with mass, since it is the first Friday of the month. From the church, the parents go to the school to meet their children's teachers. The parents show their interest in their children's education as they come in large numbers to discuss the issues that concern their children.

At noon, teachers and parents sat down together in the student dining room. Then, it is the visit of the school which, almost completely renovated, interests everyone.

At one o'clock, everyone was invited to the girls' gymnasium to elect, first, a few members to replace those who had resigned and those who were no longer on the reserve. Mrs. Edward Little Bear was elected vice-president and Mrs. Delphine Good Striker, secretary. With that, the Chair, Mr. Jim Twigg, asked each panel member to speak on the topic of their choice and then came the question period. The members of the panel were: Mrs. Priscilla Bruised Head, substitute for chief Rufus Good Striker, Mr. J. Tulley, Father Yvon Levaque, Principal of the school, nurse Mitchell, Mr. Andrew Mills, in charge of bringing the truant children to school. The main points discussed were absences from school, discipline at school and at the mission. Corporal punishment, respect of children towards their parents and teachers. Changes brought about by the renovation of the school. The meeting adjourned at three o'clock; everyone went home with new lights.

February 27, 1966 - page 555

For the past two weeks, the children of the parish have been part of a small choir and the parents, happy to hear their children sing, come in great numbers to the church for Sunday services.

March 10, 1966 - page 556

At the invitation of Father Joseph Régnier, senior teacher, Chief Rufus Good Striker came to the boys' gymnasium to meet with all our students and their teachers. The Chief tells and explains to our young people the importance of a good education and the obligation of each one of them to take advantage of all the benefits available to them. Afterwards, all have the benefit of seeing two films on the screen, films illustrating life on the Blackfoot Reserve: *Trail Ride* and *The Circle of the Sun*. All of this shows once again the interest that the Chief has for all his people on the reserve.

May 18, 1966 - page 563

Doris Day Rider, a grade eight student is flying to Ottawa this afternoon by jet. Shanon Rexall of Lethbridge is travelling with her. These two students have been judged by the General Motor Association as the best and most responsible Safety Patrol in Southern Alberta. We congratulate this young student and wish her a very successful and rewarding trip. This trip is granted free of charge for her application.

June 17, 1966 - page 567

There is a dance at the gym. The queen of the evening is Vivian Bruised Head and the king is Michael Weasel Head. At the end of the evening, trophies were presented to the most deserving students: Dennis Day Rider, Christine Shot Both Sides, XI; Annette Pelletier, Grade IX; Jordon Bruised Head, Grade VIII; Sheila Provost and Sylvia Russell in grades VII and VIII. Congratulations to these lucky winners.

June 21, 1966 - page 567

Parents and friends are invited to the kindergarten to see the little ones to work and to the test. A large number of parents came to see for themselves the good work accomplished by Sister Renee.

June 23, 1966 - page 567

Having already finished their exams, the students of grades X and XI are returning home for the vacations. May Our Lady of the Schools keep them under her maternal protection.

June 24, 1966 - page 567

It was the turn of the ninth grade students to take the exams of the Department of Public Instruction. Good success.

June 25, 1966 - page 567

Today and tomorrow an exhibition of work made during the year under the skillful direction of Sister Edna Amyotte is being held in the Middle Girls' Room. Congratulations to the teacher and the students. Many parents and friends showed interest.

June 30, 1966 - page 568

The buses come to pick up the students around eleven this morning. It is always with some regret that we see them leave the school; so many dangers await them. We entrust them all to the care of Our Lady of the Schools.

September 1, 1966 - pages 568-569

With courage, each of us goes to work. We are very surprised to find that during the vacations a sneaky job has been done against the residential schools. As many students as possible are being directed to schools off the reserve. Unfortunately, not all of them go to Catholic schools. Very few students enrolled for high school. Seventy-seven have entered the residence. Finally, we entrust to the Holy Spirit this thorny question of Indian education.

September 3, 1966 - page 570

The children who stayed here for the weekend are enjoying going to Glenwood to see the All-Indian Rodeo. The sisters who have never seen this sport take the opportunity to learn from this new experience.

January 2, 1967 - page 580

The vacations are already drawing to a close. Supervisors and teachers spend the day finishing preparations for the entrance of the students tonight and the opening of classes tomorrow. Only about a hundred students are entering tonight; there is a dance tonight in the hall, and not all have been able to put duty before pleasure. Kudos to those who did put duty first.

January 3, 1967 - page 580

Few students came to school; 184 were conspicuous by their absence.

February 2, 1967 - page 582

Mr. Bernard Day Rider and Mrs. Joe Chief Body came to speak to the students in their native Blackfoot language. An interpreter told us that they gave them very wise advice about their studies, the use of their time and how to conduct themselves in everything and everywhere. Father Yvon Levaque, the Principal, in turn spoke to tell the students how much he cared for them and advised them to apply themselves as much as possible to their school work.

February 3, 1967 - page 583

Meeting between parents and teachers. We notice that the number of parents who came to meet the teachers was less considerable than usual, but we must consider that our students are less numerous than in previous years.

Dinner is taken in the students' refectory. Immediately afterwards, we went to the girls' gym for the meeting. Father Principal presided over the meeting until after the elections when he gave way to Mr. Patrick Eagle Child elected president, Chester Bruised Head, vice president, Margaret Bruised Head, secretary. Very important matters were discussed. Father Levaque, president of the Principals of the Indian schools is very knowledgeable about the situation of the schools and made a point of informing the people of what awaits them if steps are not taken to keep the Indian schools.

May 1, 1967 - page 587

Class for residential students only. The buses carrying the day students are not yet able to travel on the roads of the reserve.

May 12, 1967 - page 588

At the kindergarten, we celebrate mothers today. The little ones prepared a program in honor of the mothers: songs, recitations, dances and biblical scenes. The whole event was very successful and gave great pleasure to the mothers. Nearly thirty adults wanted to see for themselves the good work that is being done at the kindergarten. Congratulations to the director, Sister Simonne René, and to the graduates of the kindergarten.

May 23, 1967 - page 589

After the long weekend, the teachers did not expect the visit of four inspectors in the classrooms. Mr. Daniels and Mr. Dew for the federal government; Duke and Ross for the provincial government. This surprise treat lasted two days. Everything went well and these gentlemen said they were very satisfied with everything they saw and heard.

June 2, 1967 - page 590

Today, the roles are reversed. The students stay home and the parents come to school. This is the third meeting with the teachers during the year. The parents are a little less numerous than usual, the cause is due to the bad state of the roads. It has been raining all week.

In the afternoon, there was a plenary meeting in the gym. Several very interesting talks were given, to mention only one, I name Sister Simonne René who gave a very nice overview of the work that is done in the kindergarten.

June 14, 1967 - page 591

Great news for teachers and students alike when it was announced that three buses would take the Grade 4 residential students up to McLeod to attend the centennial program offered by members of the Royal Ottawa Mounted Police.

They all came back delighted with what they saw and heard. A great lesson in what can be done with discipline and practice.

November 1, 1967 - page 596

Funeral for Robert First Charger, who died suddenly Sunday morning of a heart attack. He leaves his wife and twelve children, including two twin girls, Verna and Veronique, who are boarding with the older girls.

December 1, 1967 - page 599

The students left for home last night, as it was the first Parent Teacher Association meeting since the beginning of the school year. The parents were few in number - a clear sign of their lack of interest in the school? or insouciance? ... All were happy to see Father Joseph Régnier among us; he came to recruit members for the Catholic Indian League, to work on the provincial level. Mr. Fred Dew, Regional Inspector, announced that the lunches of the day students would be removed during the months of September, October, April, May, and June. Discussions were held to see if funds could be obtained from other branches. Father Joseph Joly, pastor, organized and led discussions on the choice of schools and the problems of religious education.

December 21, 1967 - page 601

At 1:15 p.m., elementary school students presented a Christmas program in the boys' gymnasium. This program is followed by the distribution of candy and gifts by Father Levaque, Principal. The same joy is reserved for the older children this evening.

December 20, 1967 - page 601

The high school students had their annual basket sale which brought in the handsome sum of \$168.00 to be used for athletic activities. The same students showed their gratitude by offering an executive case to Father Principal and a radio to Sister Superior Irene Laramée as Christmas gifts.

January 19, 1968 - page 606

Four men from the Department of Indian Affairs are visiting. After dinner, Father Levaque called all the supervisors to a meeting; there was talk of organizing new courses in Calgary for the training of supervisors for the Indian Residential Schools.

February 16, 1968 - page 609

Parents are replacing children on buses today as there is a meeting for teachers and parents. Again, it was regretted that more parents did not come.

They proceeded to the election of a new executive. Elected were: president, Philip Mistaken Chief, vice president, Joseph Heavy Head; secretary, Mrs. Olive White Quills.

March 1, 1968 - page 610

Friday. The teachers have meetings today, making for a long weekend for the children.

March 2, 1968 - page 610

Our big boys go to Pincher Creek to play basketball and win the Provincial Championship. We congratulate them on their great victory and their dedicated coach, Mr. Jerry Dawson, who has been their supervisor for eighteen years.

March 23, 1968 - page 613

The sixth annual basketball tournament which began yesterday at 4:30 p.m. in our gymnasium continues today and will not end until tomorrow evening. The champions will take home the "Levern" trophy named in honor of Father Levern who gave the best of his life to the Blackfoot.

March 24, 1968 - page 613

Our Warriors are the tournament champions with a fairly good win - 72-54 - over the Babb Mustangs.

March 31, 1968 - page 614

In the Indian basketball tournament organized by Philip Mistaken Chief, Director of Recreation on the reserve, the Lethbridge Totems won the championship. The Totems are again a credit to us as they are our former Warriors.

April 26, 1968 - pages 616-617

At 9:30 a.m., the teachers' and parents' meeting began. The regular schedule is changed, classroom visits are on the agenda for the afternoon. Sheets containing discussion points were distributed; all had been invited to ask whatever questions they wanted. Discussions continued until 3:30 so that there were no classroom visits. The group present was in favor of keeping the kindergarten on the reserve and not building a new school in Cardston. They would also like to have a "Vocational School" on the reserve for those who cannot attain university degrees. He would also like to have Indian culture, legends, arts, etc. taught in the classrooms by Blackfoot Indians. All of this will take a lot of planning, but the Indians are becoming more and more aware that the government will only grant them all of these things if they want and ask for them.

May 15, 1968 - page 618

Elementary students present a short program in honor of their mothers in the boys' gymnasium. A declamation, a special number, marks the birthday of Fr. Levaque, Principal. The latter took the opportunity to invite the ladies present to the teachers' and parents' meeting to be held on Friday.

June 13, 1968 - page 620

In the evening, from 7 to 9:30, the parents received the invitation to meet either the teachers or the supervisors to receive the information they wished regarding the education of their children. A good number responded despite the inclement weather.

June 18, 1968 - page 621

A recreational evening was held in the boys' gymnasium for the staff and children. The older girls, under the direction of Sister Dolores Coulombe, their supervisors, entertained us for two hours with songs, plays and Indian and folk dances. They were happy to offer this program even

though many of them were appearing on stage for the first time, they did very well. We thank them and appreciate their fine spirit and great simplicity.

June 21, 1968 - page 621

It is a big celebration at the kindergarten - the graduation. At 9:30 a.m., Father Denis Châtain officiated at mass and he had very appropriate words for his young audience. Many parents and staff members were present as well as for the program during which the little ones showed their skills. They are to be congratulated as well as their teacher, Sister Simonne René who has devoted herself to this position for three years.

October 9, 1968 - page 627

In view of the Convention which will begin tomorrow, the classes finish at 2:30. [... ...]

This evening, Mr. Jerry Dawson, Supervisor, is driving home the children whose parents did not come to pick them up. The female supervisors are very happy about this and will be able to enjoy a few days of well-deserved rest.

November 21, 1968 - page 630

Two assessors sent by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development are coming today to evaluate the jobs of the school staff. In a few months, all the employees, including the Sisters, will be members of the Civil Service.

November 22, 1968 - page 630

It is also the meeting for parents and teachers. The parents visited the classes in the morning and after lunch there was an assembly in the girls' gymnasium. Mr. Ron Gent, Regional Superintendent of Indian Schools, was present and answered many of the questions asked by the Indians, such as whether or not to abolish the high school, centralization of the kindergarten, integration, and above all, how to solve the great problem of "drop outs". Philip Mistaken Chief, president, made the discussions lively and very interesting.

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